



Dance in the
Wampire Bund

NOZOMU TAMAKI

VOLUME 14

Tamaki Nozomu Presents Dance In The Vampire Bund 14

DANCE IN THE VAMPIRE BUND

14

NOZOMU TAMAKI

Ne me bannissez point de votre souvenir :

Et, puisque mon trépas conserve votre gloire,

Pour vous en revanche conservez ma mémoire.

Et dites quelquefois, en déplorant mon sort :

« S'il ne m'avait aimée, il ne serait pas mort. »

Banish me not from your remembrance.

Since my doom preserves your honor,

to recompense yourself for this, preserve my memory

and say sometimes when deploring my fate,

"Had he not loved me, he would not have died."

Cornélise. Le Cid. V.7



THE
FLOWER
IS
GONE.

SOME-
ONE
BROKE
IT OFF.

OH
NO...!



WHO
WOULD DO
SUCH A
TERRIBLE
THING?

AND I
HAD
JUST
GOTTEN
IT TO
BLOOM!

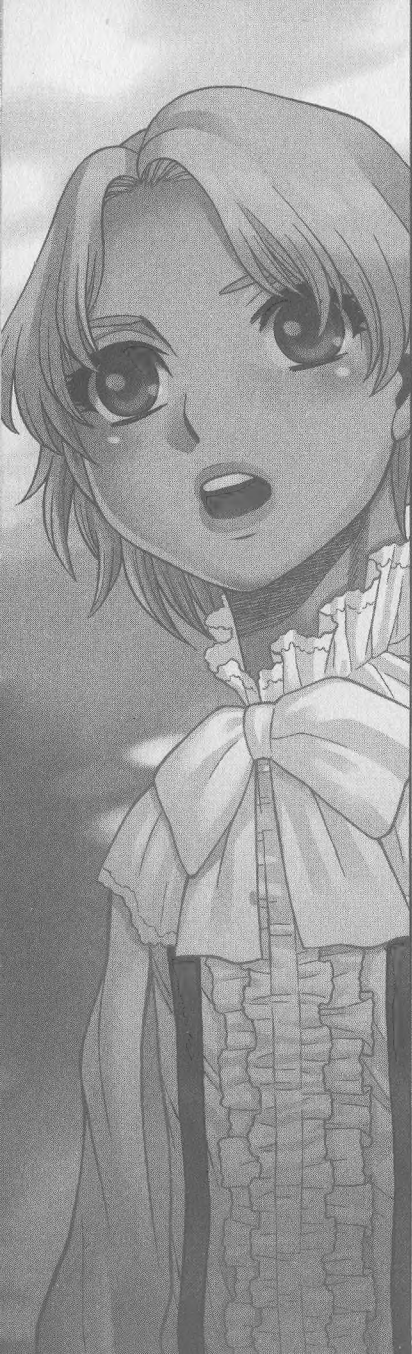


AND...
WHY?



...





Chapter 76: A Long-Ago Promise



WHEN I DID, IT FELL OFF. HERE, I SHALL RETURN IT TO YOU.

MY APOLOGIES. I HAVE DONE AN UNFORTUNATE THING. IT WAS SO LOVELY, I COULD NOT HELP BUT TOUCH IT.



IT, AH...

NO, NO!

IT'S ALL RIGHT! PLEASE, KEEP IT!



SO THIS WAS A FLOWER YOU HAD RAISED.

AH, I SEE.



HEE HEE.

SO YOUNG, AND YET YOU ARE ALREADY SKILLED AT MAKING A LADY'S SMILE.



IT LOOKS VERY PRETTY ON YOU.



IT IS THE
LAND AT THE
FARTHEST
REACHES OF
THE EAST,
IS IT NOT?

IT IS
CALLED A
YULIGAO
FLOWER*.

ARE YOU
FAMILIAR
WITH THE
LAND OF
CIPANGU**?

YES.
THIS
FLOWER
IS NATIVE
TO THAT
LAND.



I HAVE
NEVER
SEEN ITS
LIKENESS
BEFORE.

BUT TRULY,
THIS IS AN
EXQUI-
SITE
BLOOM.



IT
WITHERS
AND
DIES.

IT BLOOMS
NOT IN THE
MORNING,
BUT AT DUSK.
AND WHEN
THE MORNING
SUN RISES...



HOW
VERY
LOVELY.

THIS
FLOWER
IS MUCH
LIKE US,
THEN.



YES...
VERY
LOVELY...


*The yuugao flower is commonly called the moonflower. It is known for its night-blooming white flowers.
**Cipangu is an archaic name for Japan, taken from the diaries of Marco Polo.






WHERE
ARE YOUR
MANNERS,
BOY?

YOU ARE
IN THE
PRESENCE OF
OUR LIEGE
LADY AND
THE RULER
OF OUR
PEOPLE,
QUEEN MINA
TEPES.



WHA
...?

YOU'RE
MINA...



TEPES
?!

MINA...

TEPES...



HAVE YOU
AWAKENED,
ALPHONSE?



YOU
JEST,
YOUR
MAJ-
ESTY.



....



AH,
YOU
HAVE!

YOU
LOOKED
LIKE YOU
WERE
SLEEPING
SO
PEACE-
FULLY.



.....



MAY I
ASK
WHAT
BUSINESS
BRINGS
YOU
HERE?



BAH!
YOU ARE
NO FUN
ANYMORE.
YOU WERE
MUCH MORE
AMUSING
WHEN YOU
WERE
YOUNG.

YOUR
MAJESTY
...



I SENT
A
REPLACE-
MENT.
NOTHING
MORE.

UNFORTUNATELY,
ONE OF MY
INFORMANTS ON
THE MAINLAND
WAS CAUGHT
IN THE ANTI-
VAMPIRE
HYSTERIA.



WHY?

YOU
SENT
ONE OF
YOUR
MINIONS
OFF THE
ISLAND.



I
SEE.

.....



I
MAY
CRY

IF YOU
WANT
TO KNOW
ALL
THE
MISTERY
ABOUT
ME TO
TALK



WE
WANT
TO
KNOW
ALL
THE
MISTERY
ABOUT
YOU



WE TWO
ARE
BEING
TALK

I WOULD
APPROVE
OF SOME
THINGS
BUT
NOT ALL



I WOULD
APPROVE
OF SOME
THINGS
BUT
NOT ALL



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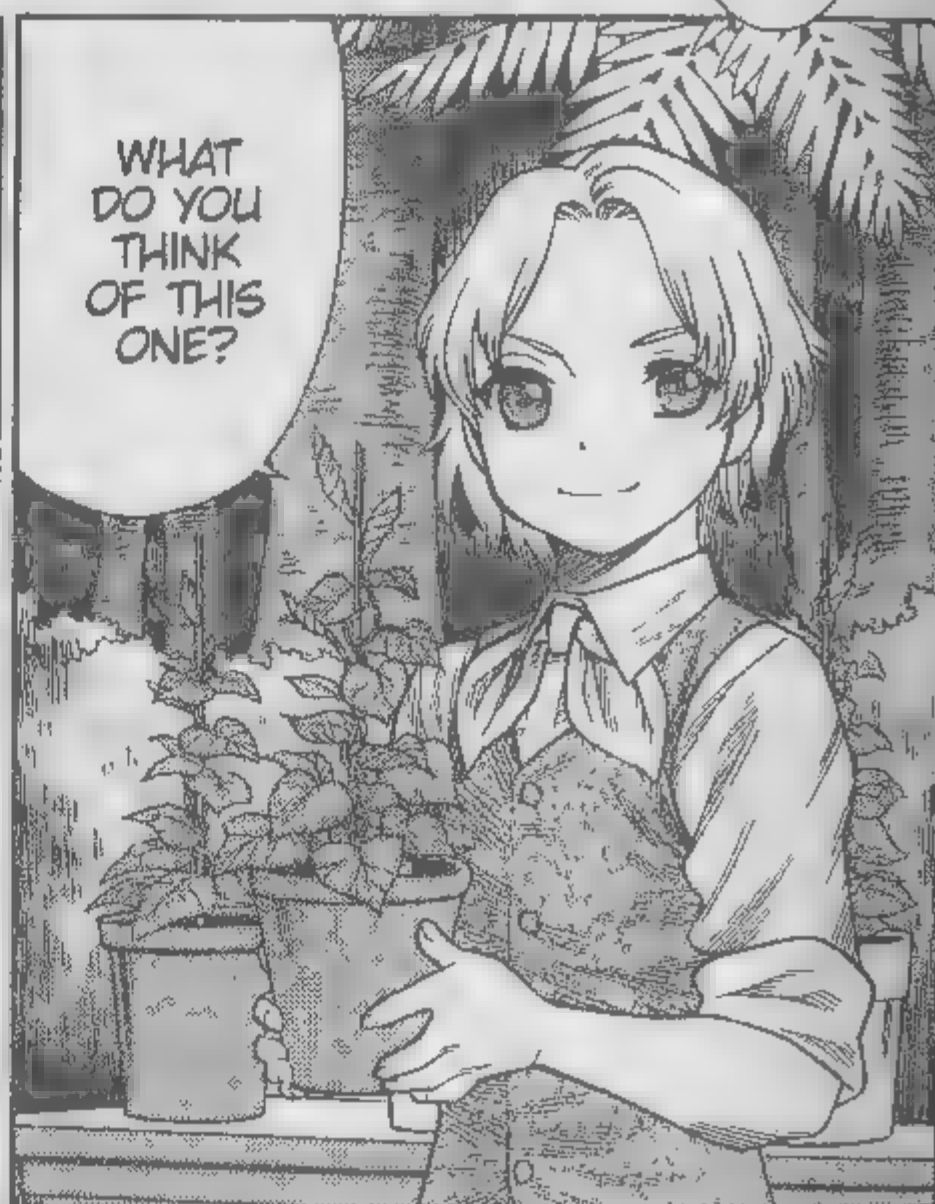


SEE?



I WOULD SAY IT IS A VERY FINE SPECIMEN, INDEED.

HM. ITS VINES ARE LONG, AND ITS LEAVES BROAD. ITS COLOR IS DEEP AND SHINY, AS WELL.

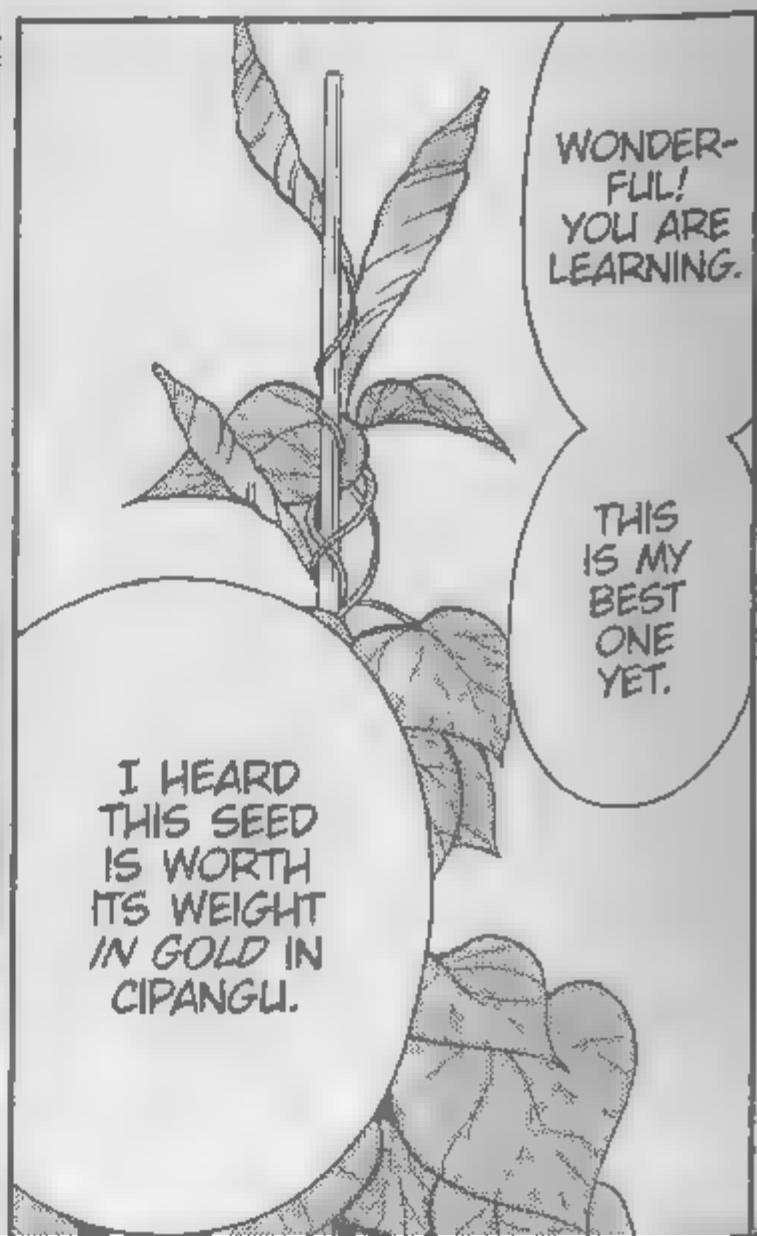


WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THIS ONE?



IT COMES FROM THE LOVE AND CARE YOU HAVE SHOWN IN RAISING IT.

WELL, I THINK THIS FLOWER'S BEAUTY COMES NOT FROM ITS EXPENSIVE SEED.



I HEARD THIS SEED IS WORTH ITS WEIGHT IN GOLD IN CIPANGU.

WONDERFUL! YOU ARE LEARNING.

THIS IS MY BEST ONE YET.



YOU ARE
STILL A
CHILD TOO,
YOUR
MAJESTY...



WHY
MUST ALL
CHILDREN
SO QUICKLY
BECOME
ADULTS...?



HAVE
I?

NOW,
IS IT ME
OR HAVE
YOU
GROWN
AGAIN?

IT
LOOKS
SO.



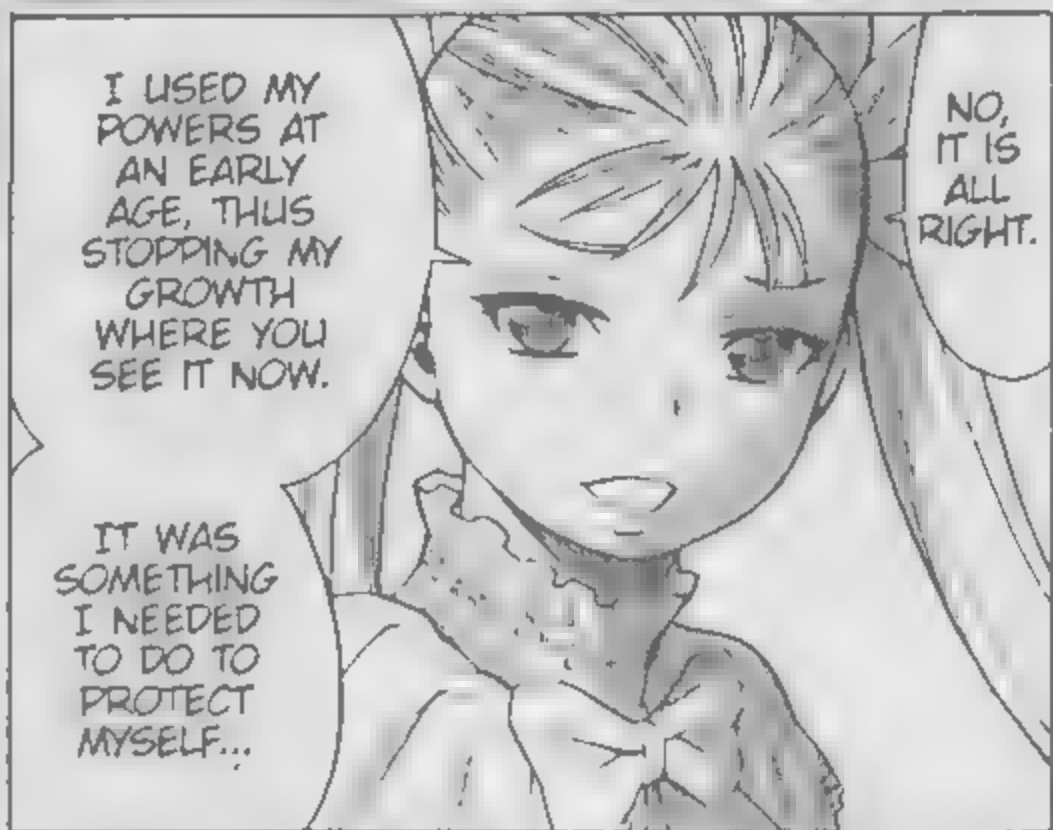
I HAVE
NO
REGRETS.

AND TO
GIVE ME
THE CHANCE
TO AVENGE
MYSELF ON
THOSE WHO
DARED TO
KILL MY
MOTHER.



I
APOLO-
GIZE. I
SHOULD
NOT
HAVE
SAID
THAT.

OOPS
!



I USED MY
POWERS AT
AN EARLY
AGE, THUS
STOPPING MY
GROWTH
WHERE YOU
SEE IT NOW.

IT WAS
SOMETHING
I NEEDED
TO DO TO
PROTECT
MYSELF...

NO,
IT IS
ALL
RIGHT.



DOES
THAT MEAN
YOU
CHANGED
INTO YOUR
TRUE
FORM?

YOU
USED
YOUR
POWERS
...?



YOU WILL
AGE UNTIL
YOU
BECOME A
FEEBLE
OLD MAN,
YOU
KNOW.

I
DON'T
CARE.



OH.

WELL
THEN,
I WILL
NEVER
USE MY
POWERS,
EVER.



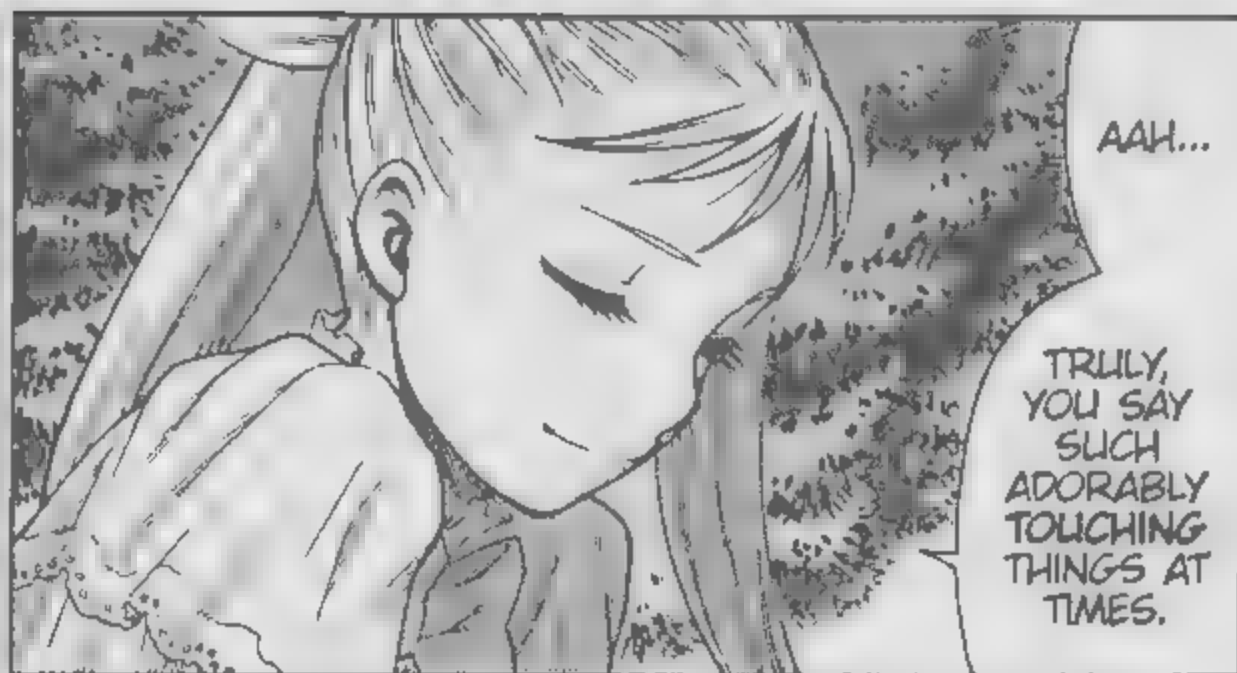
YES. UNLIKE
HUMANS WHO
ARE TURNED, WE
WHO ARE BORN
AS VAMPIRES
WILL GROW
FROM INFANT
TO ADULT LIKE
ANY OTHER
MORTAL.

IT IS WHEN
WE HAVE
MATURED
AND FIRST
DISCOVER OUR
TRUE FORM
THAT WE
AWAKEN AS
VAMPIRES.



I WANT
TO BE
YOUR...

YOUR
FRIEND,
FOREVER.
SO I
DON'T
MIND
GROWING
OLD.



AAH...

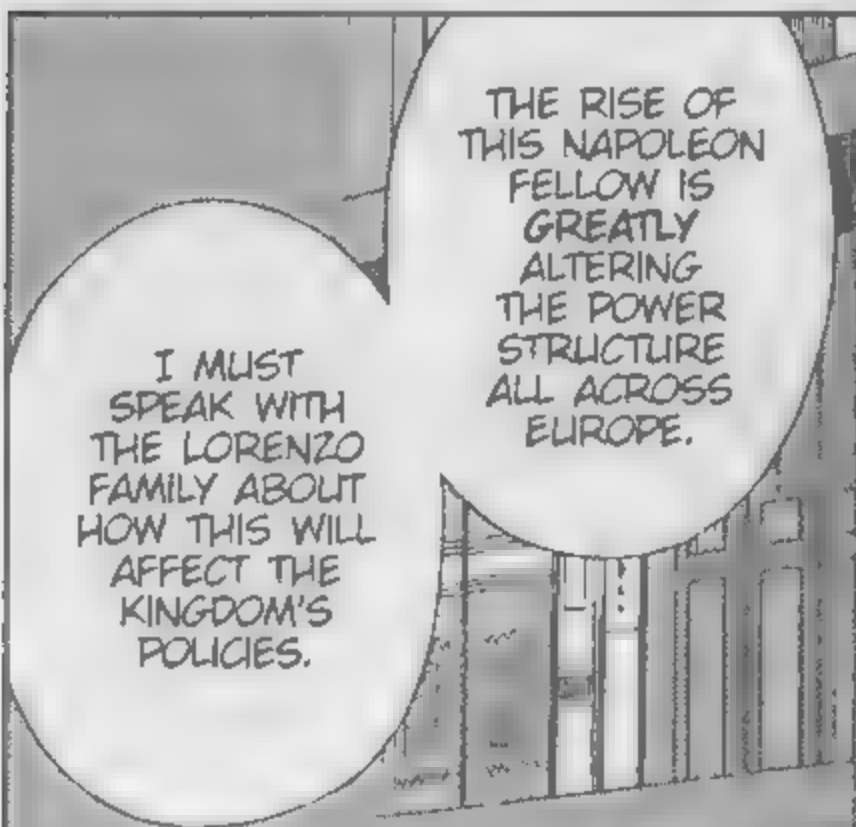
TRULY,
YOU SAY
SUCH
ADORABLY
TOUCHING
THINGS AT
TIMES.



WE SHALL
MAKE IT A
PROMISE.
DO NOT
WANDER OFF
DOWN THE
ROAD OF LIFE
WITHOUT ME.
AGREED?



WELL
THEN...



I MUST
SPEAK WITH
THE LORENZO
FAMILY ABOUT
HOW THIS WILL
AFFECT THE
KINGDOM'S
POLICIES.

THE RISE OF
THIS NAPOLEON
FELLOW IS
GREATLY
ALTERING
THE POWER
STRUCTURE
ALL ACROSS
EUROPE.



I SHALL
SOON BE
LEAVING
FOR
FLORENCE.

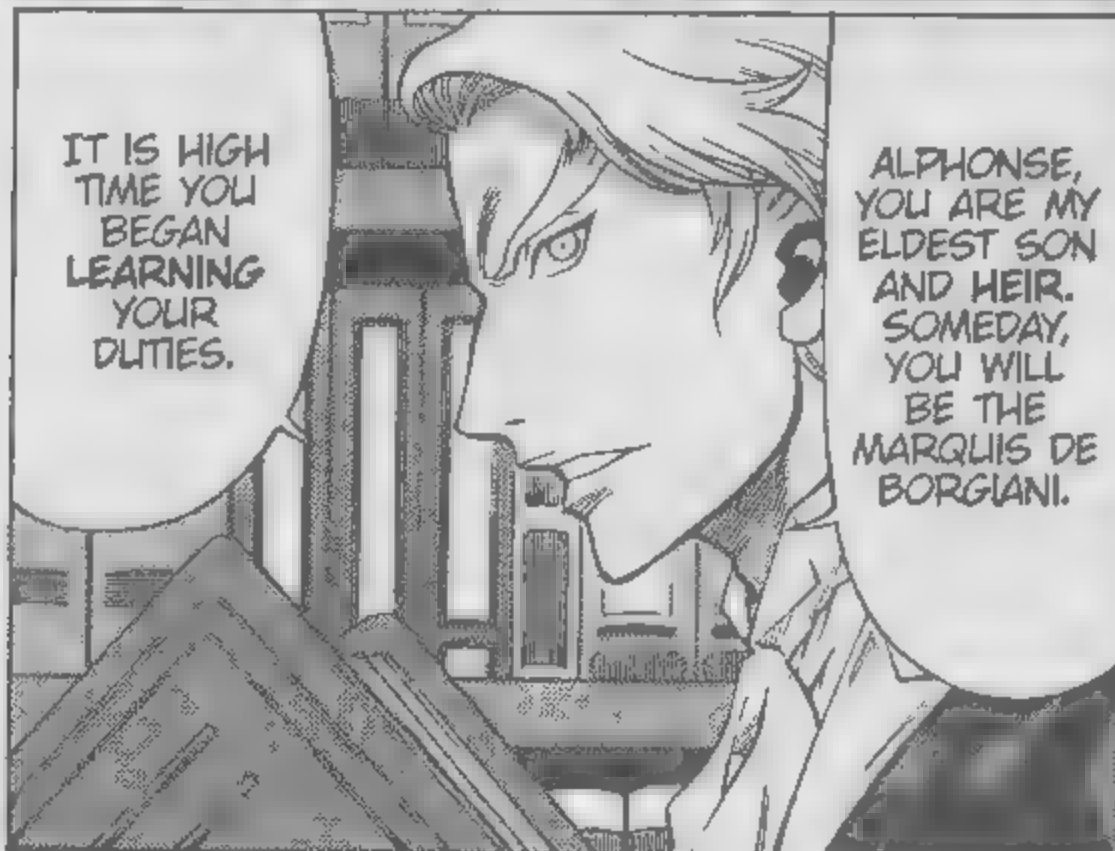


BUT, FATHER...!
I PROMISED HER
MAJESTY THAT
I WOULD SHOW
HER HOW TO
PRUNE THE
TREES IN THE
GREENHOUSE
TOMORROW.



PACK
YOUR
THINGS.

YOU
SHALL BE
ACCOMPANYING
ME.



IT IS HIGH
TIME YOU
BEGAN
LEARNING
YOUR
DUTIES.

ALPHONSE,
YOU ARE MY
ELDEST SON
AND HEIR.
SOMEDAY,
YOU WILL
BE THE
MARQUIS DE
BORGIANI.



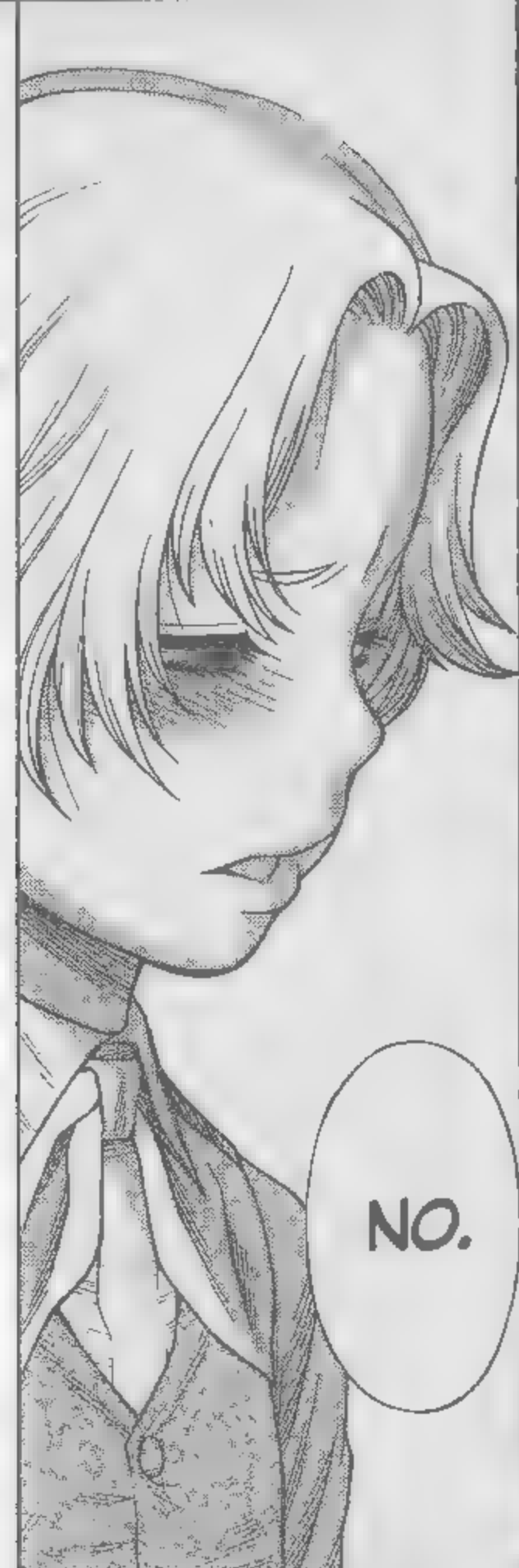
THE TRUE
DUTY OF THE
BORGIANI IS
TO PROTECT
THE TEPE'S
ROYAL FAMILY
FROM THE
SHADOWS.

WE LISTEN
TO THE
WHISPERS.
WE SEARCH IN
THE DARKNESS.
WE SEEK OUT
ANY WHO
WISH HER
MAJESTY ILL,
AND DESTROY
THEM BEFORE
THEY BREED
TROUBLE.



BUT I
WANT
TO--

ALPHONSE!
YOU MUST
LEARN
DISCRETION,
BOY. AND
QUICKLY!



NO.



I SERVE
HER AS MY
FATHER DID.
AND I
SHALL DIE
AS HE DID,
ONE DAY.

AS WILL YOU,
IN TIME.
SUCH IS THE
DUTY AND THE
FATE OF THE
SONS OF
BORGIANI.



YOU BEAR
MY FATHER'S
NAME. HE
SERVED HER
MAJESTY IN
SECRET, WITH
DISCRETION,
AND GAVE
HIS LIFE
DEFENDING
HER FROM
HARM.



DO NOT
SAY
SUCH
FOOLISH
THINGS.

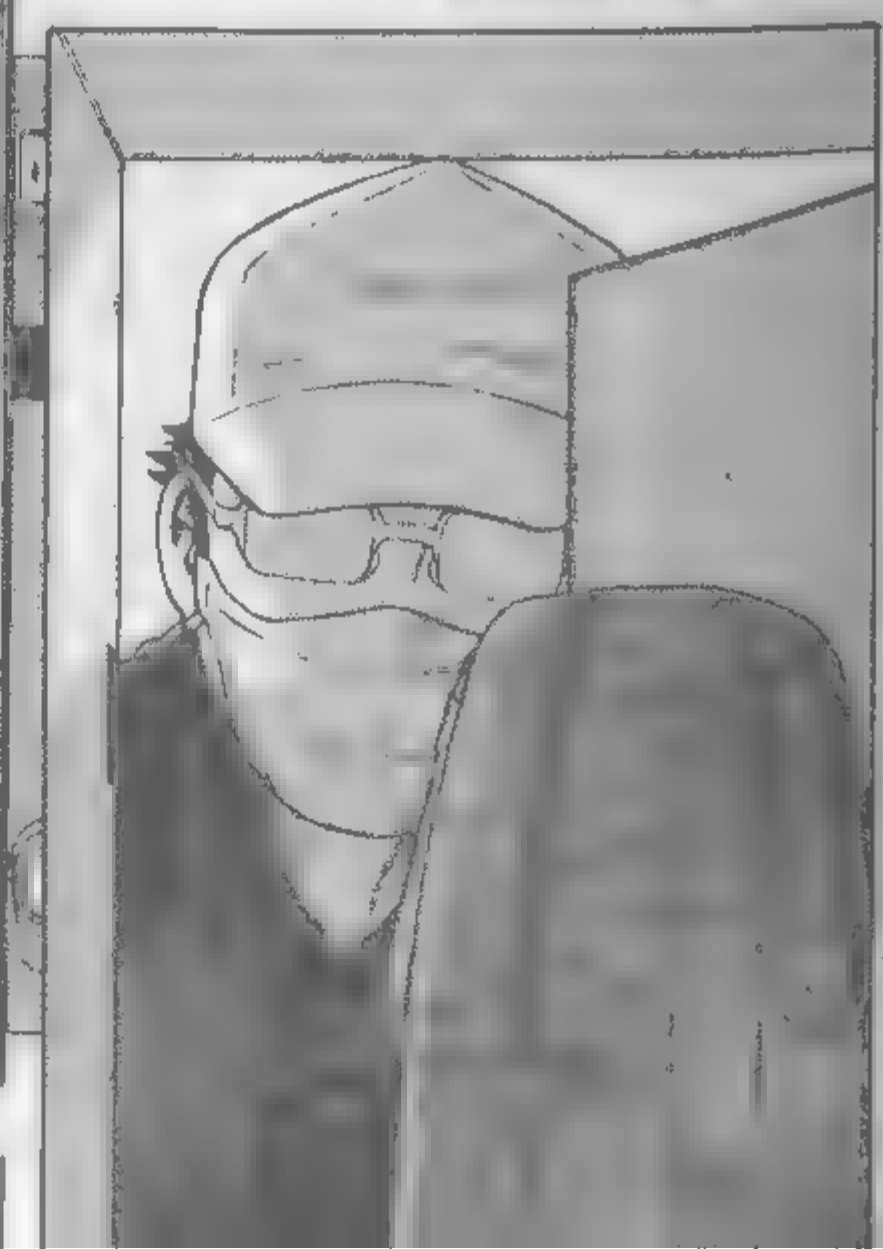
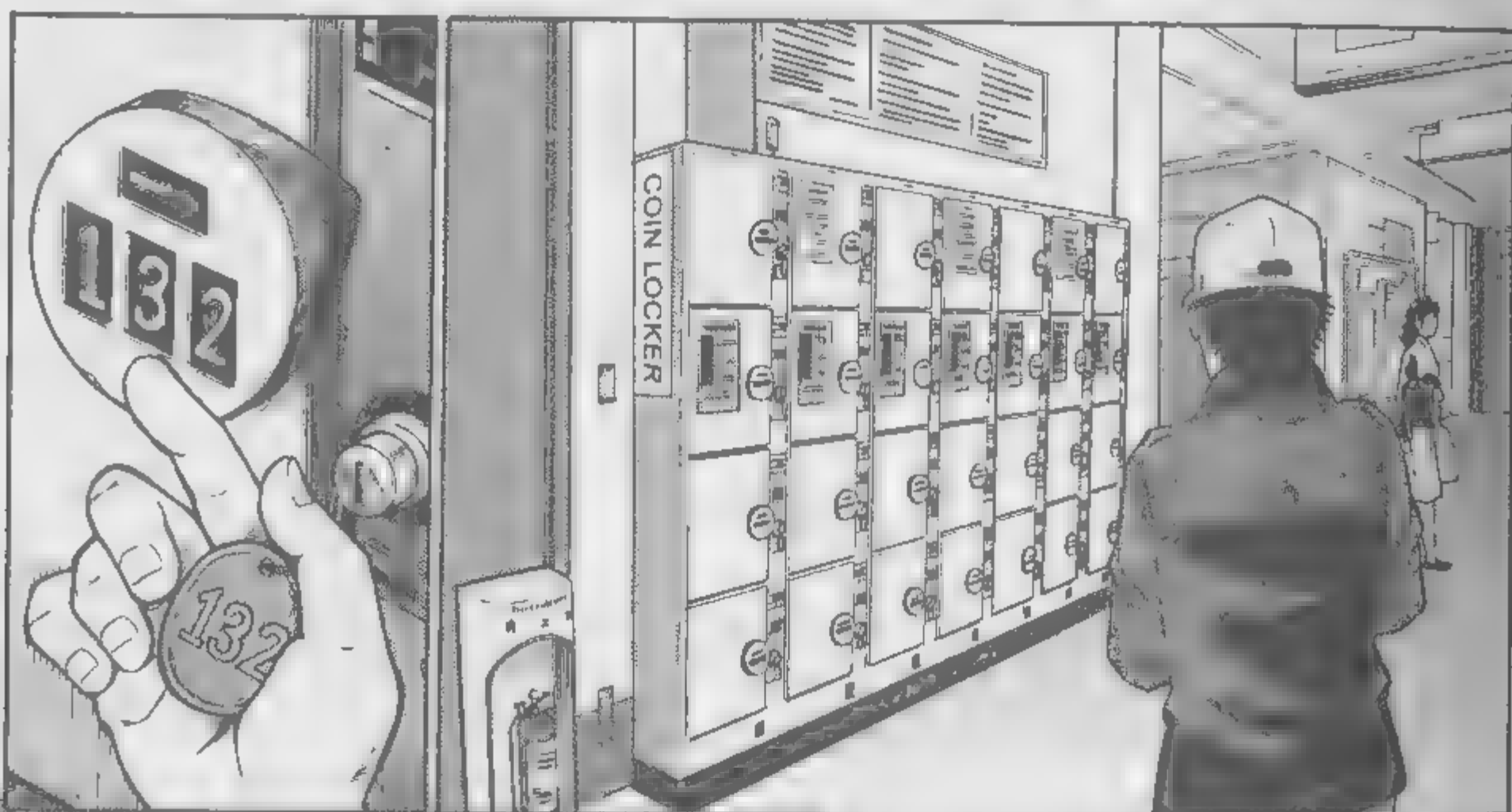
BUT,
FATHER
--!



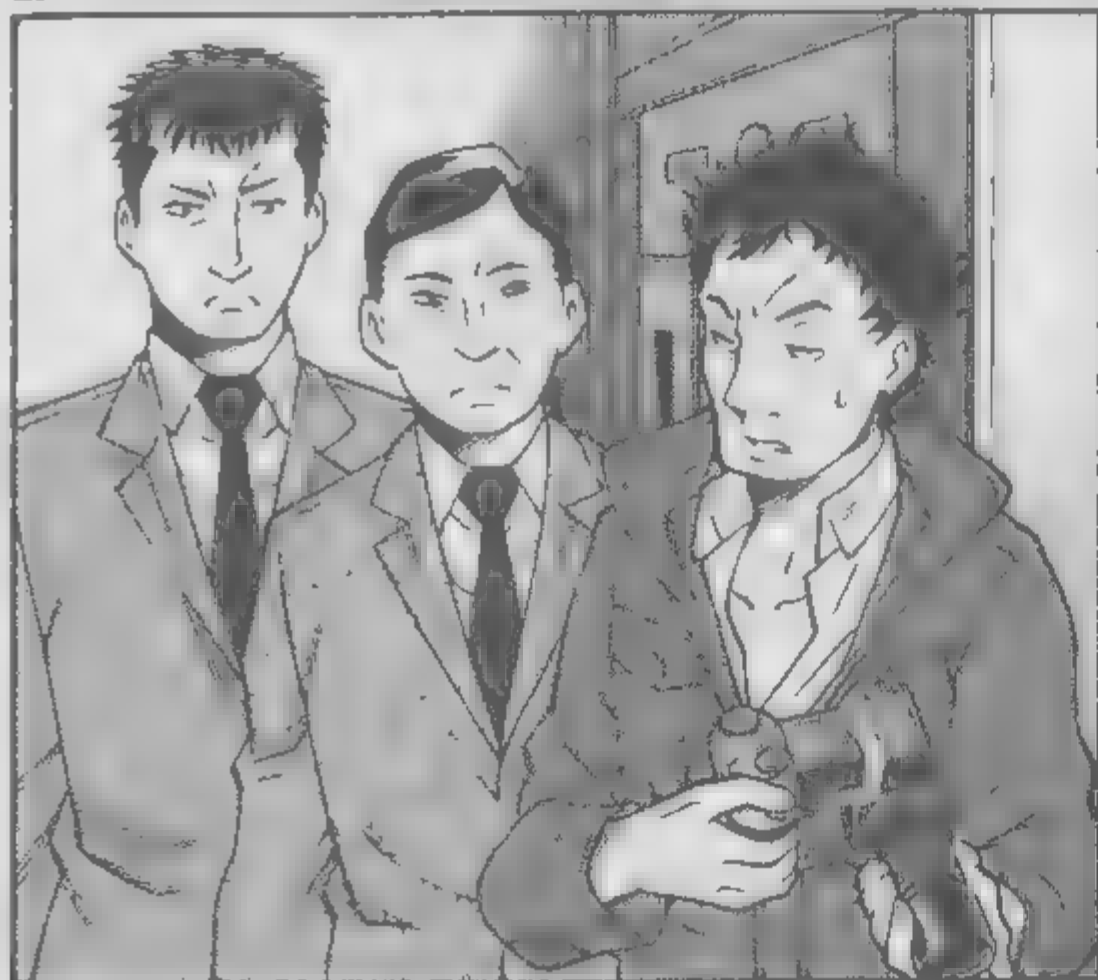
AND I'M
NEVER
GOING TO
BE A
VAMPIRE!!

NO,
I WILL NOT!
I DON'T
WANT TO
BE YOUR
HEIR!
I DON'T
WANT THAT
DUTY!!













WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL?
I MEAN,
YOU WERE
THE ONE
WHO SAID
STIGMA WAS
HARD
TO FIND.

THEY JUST
WENT OUT
TO GET
US SOME
BLOOD.

YEAH!
SO WE
FIGURED IT'S
ONLY RIGHT
WE FEED
OURSELVES,
INSTEAD OF...
Y'KNOW,
MOOCHING
OFF YOU.



GOD,
WHAT
HAVE
YOU
DONE
?!

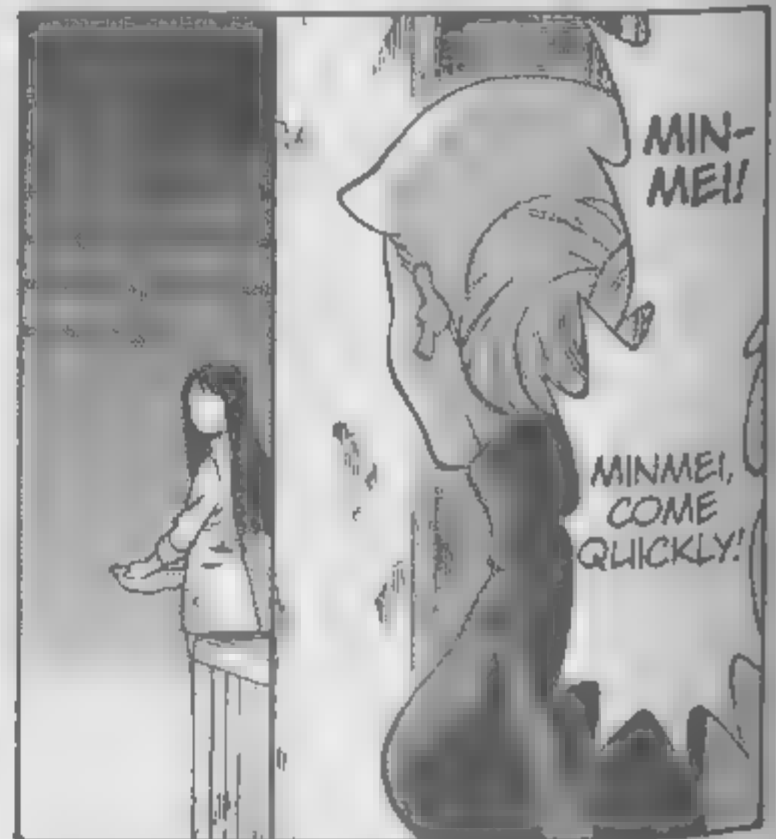


WHERE
ON
EARTH
DID
YOU
TWO
GET
TO?!



WHAT IS IT,
TATIANNA-
ONEESAN?

YES?



MIN-
MEI!

MINMEI,
COME
QUICKLY!



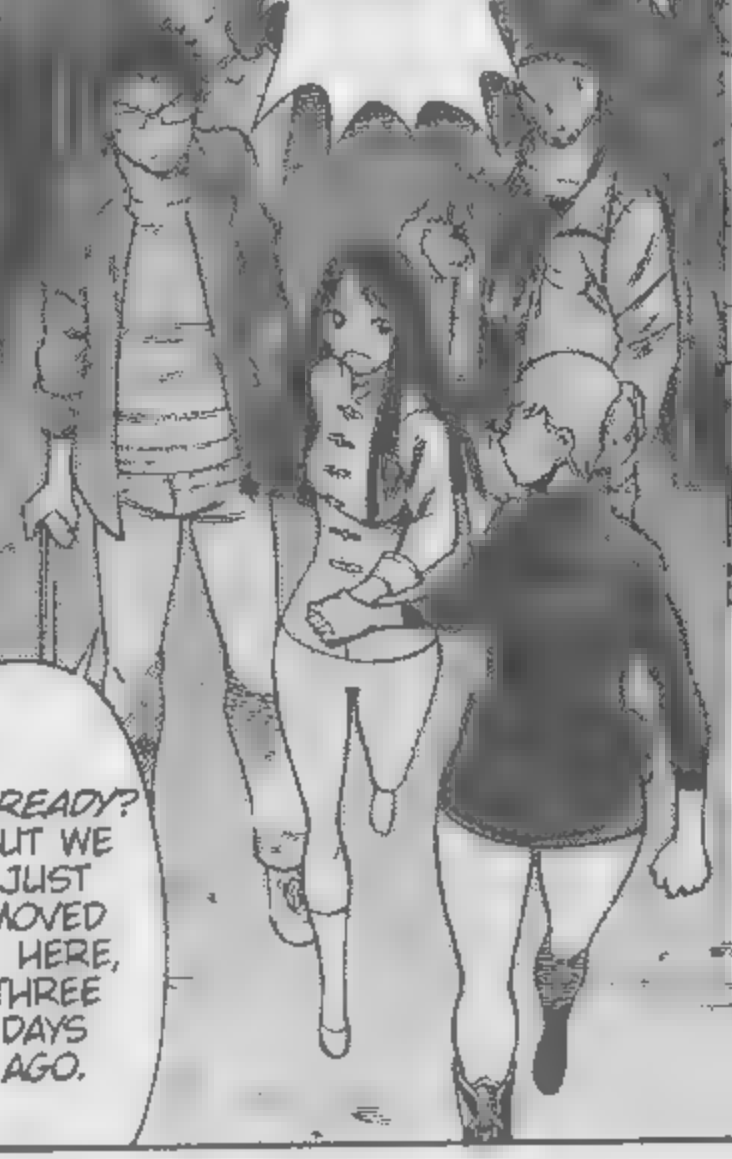
DO IT!!
OR
WOULD
YOU
RATHER
GET
DUSTED
?!

WHAT
?

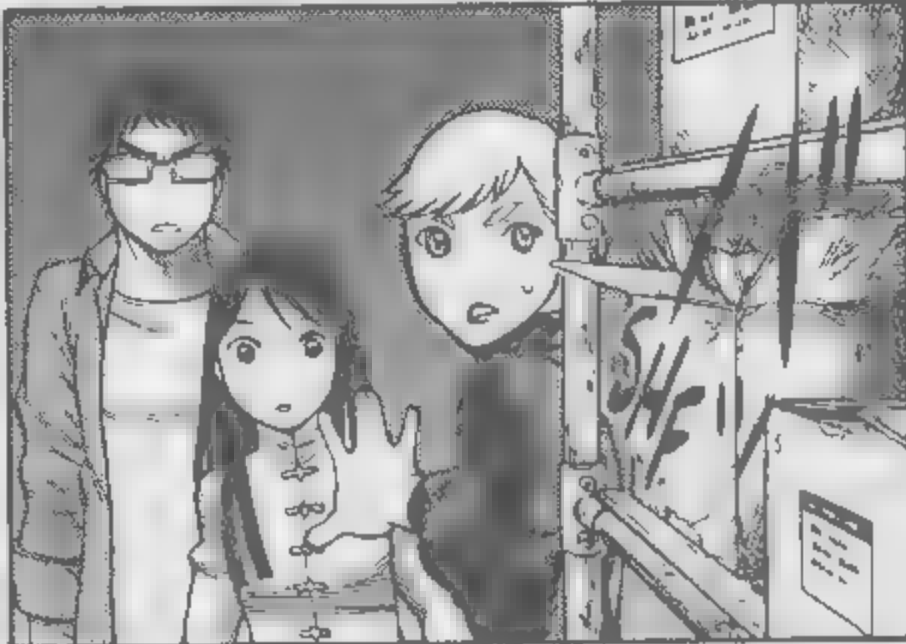
WE'RE
MOVING!

EVERYONE,
GET YOUR
THINGS!
QUICKLY!

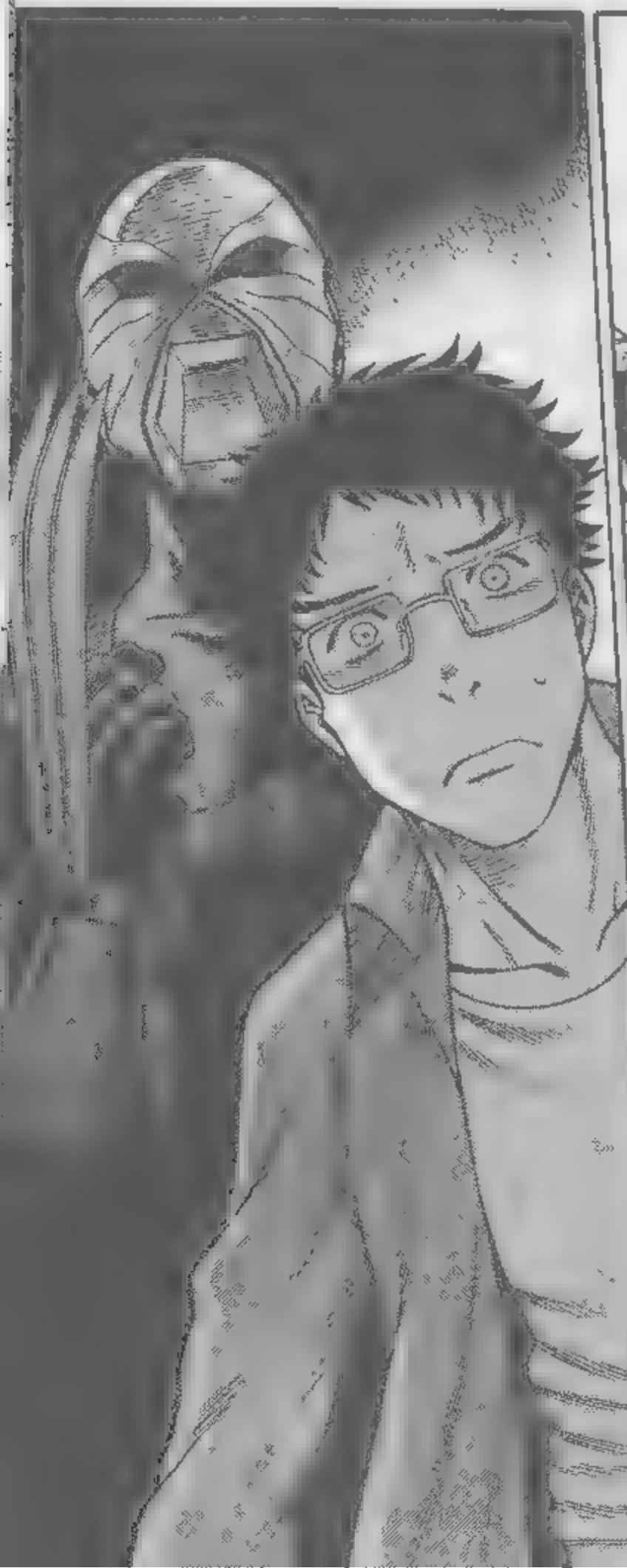
ALREADY?
BUT WE
JUST
MOVED
IN HERE,
THREE
DAYS
AGO.



WE'RE
ALREADY
SUR-
ROUNDED.



TOO
LATE...



BY
WHAT?
THERE
ISN'T
ANYONE
OUT
THERE.



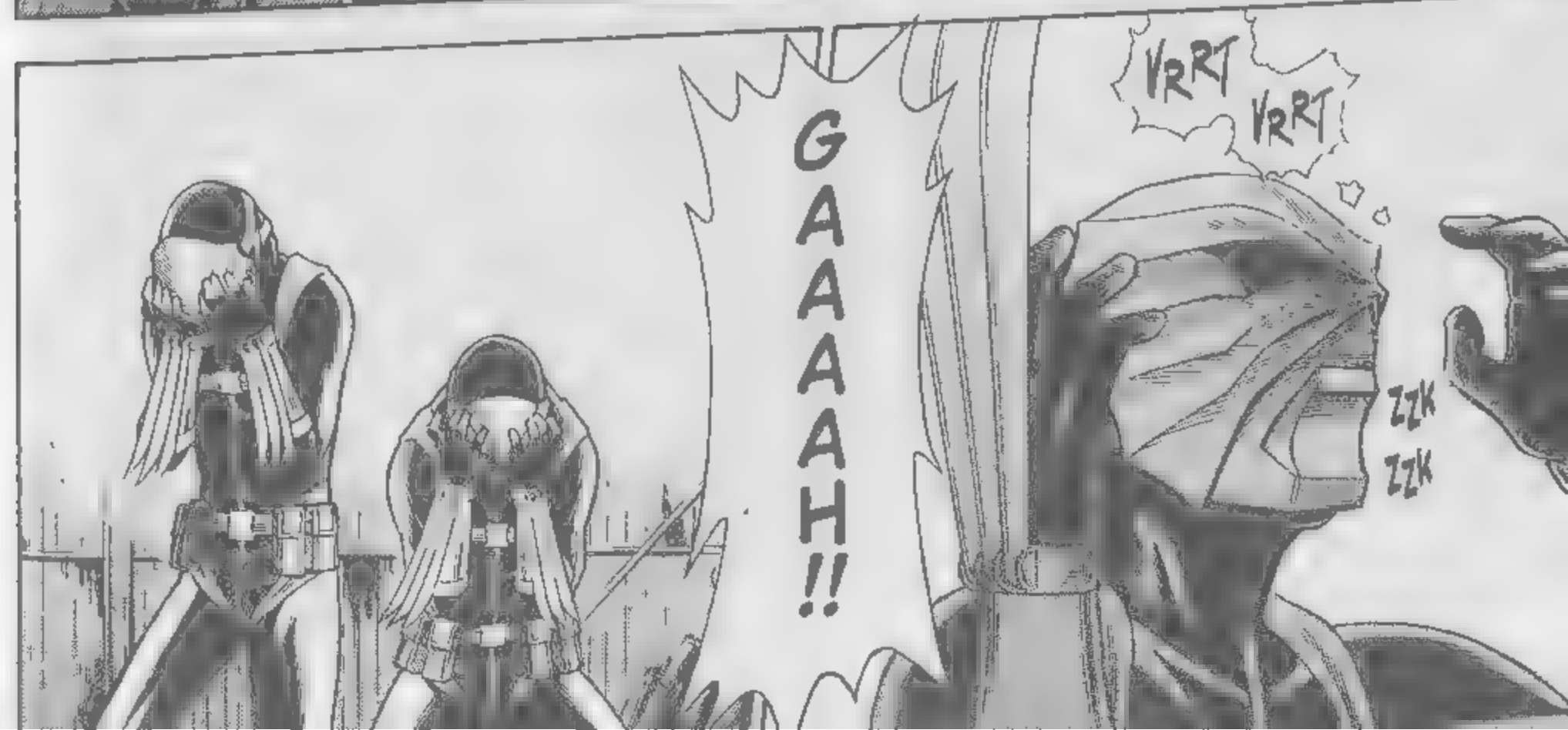
HUH?
SUR-
ROUND-
ED...?

ONEE-
SAN?

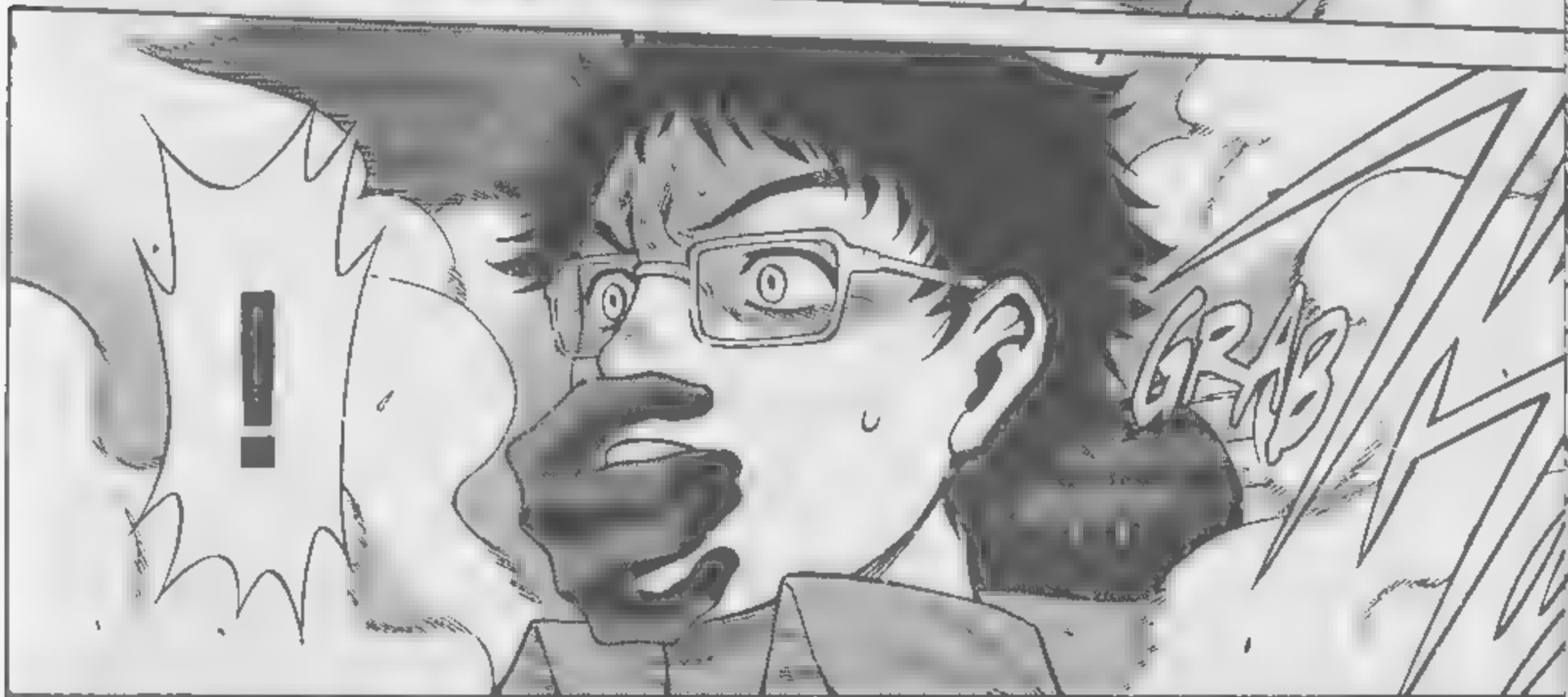


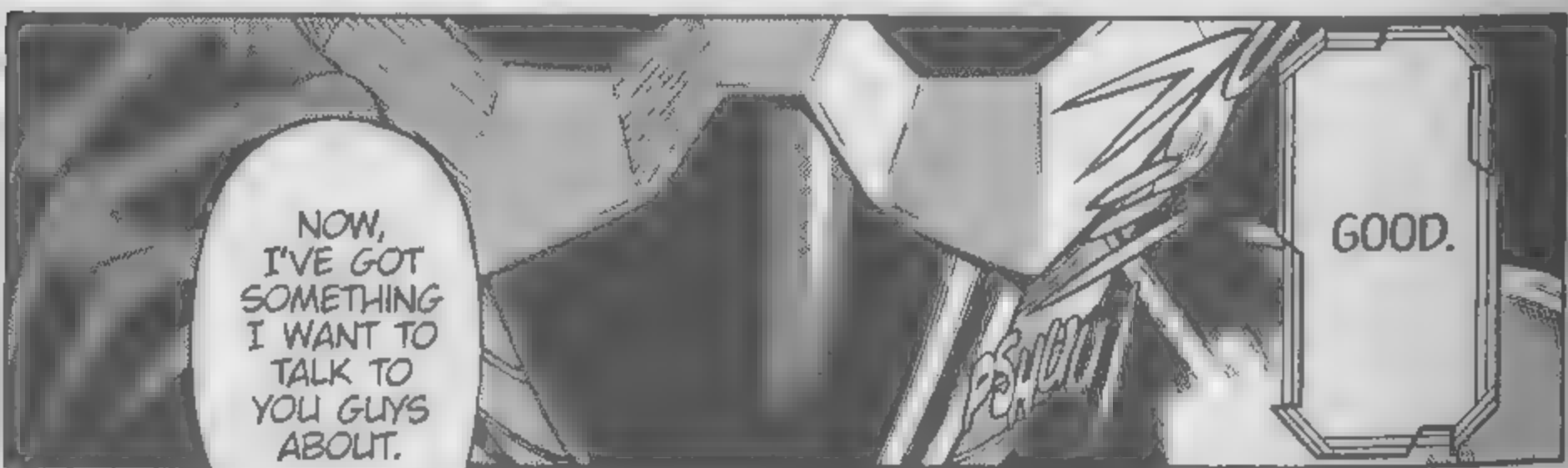
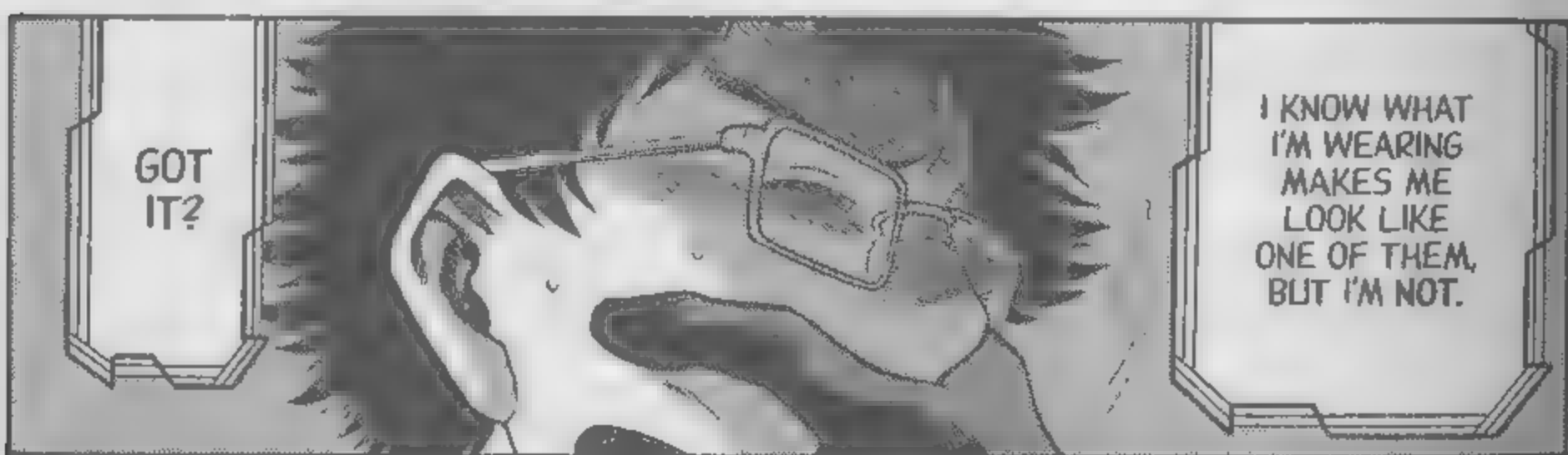
WHAT
?!

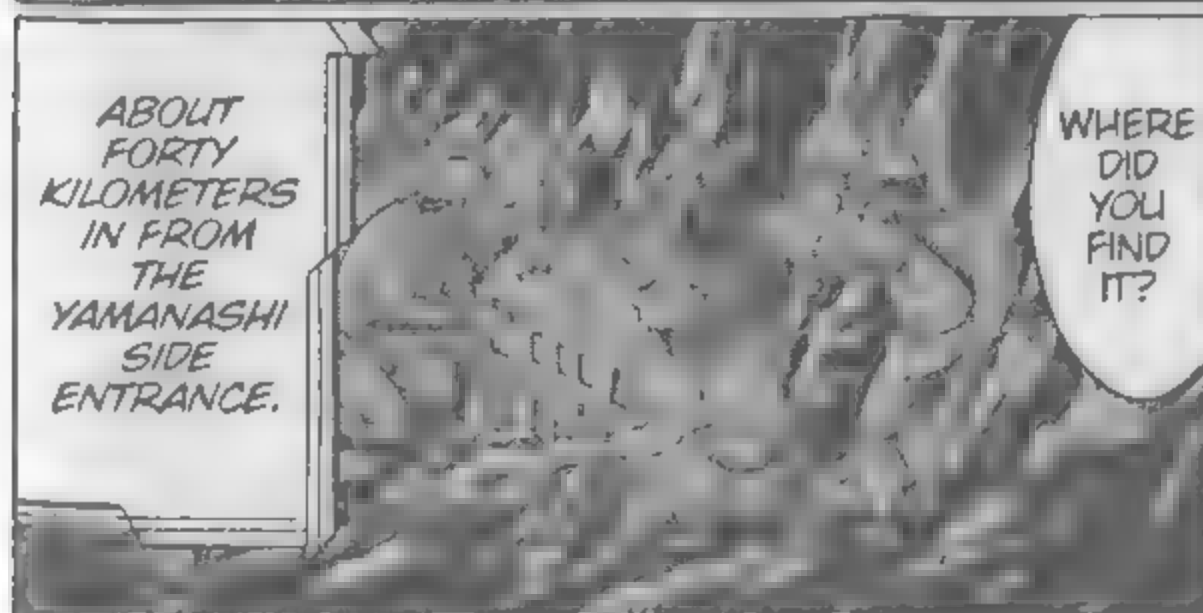
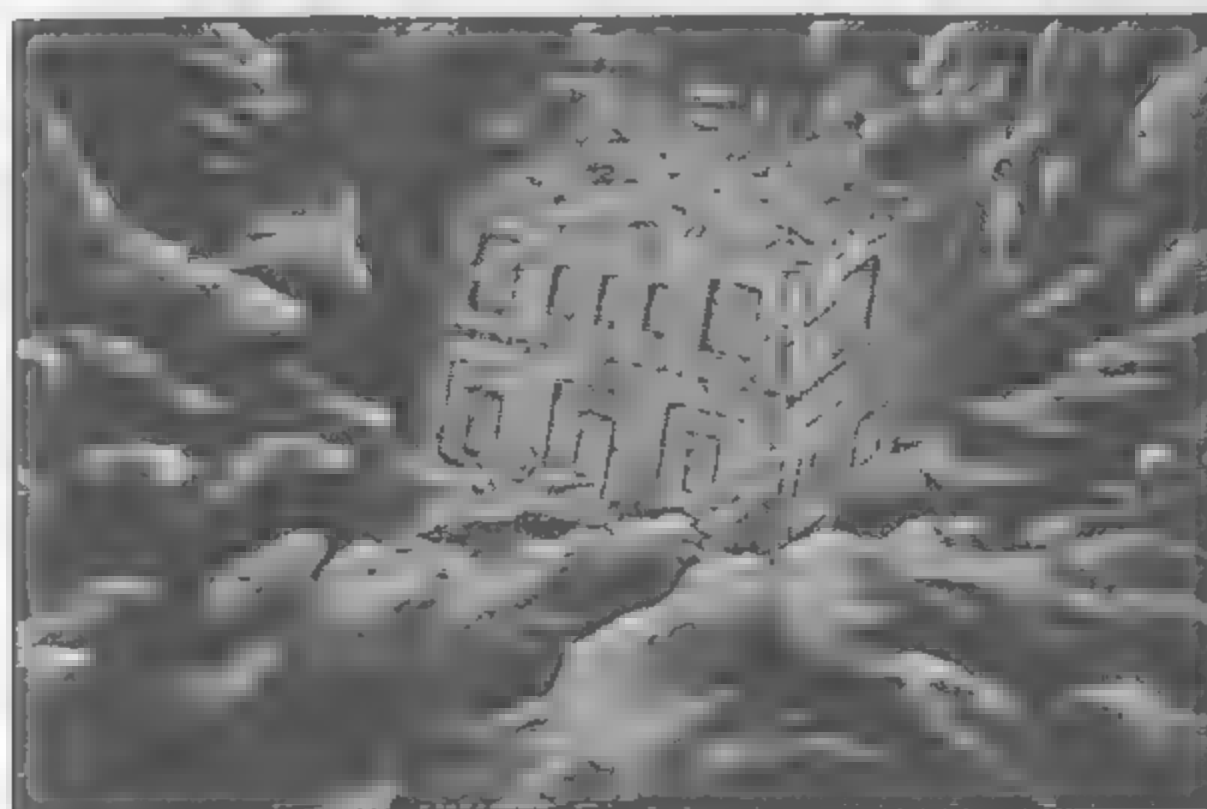
CAN'T
YOU
SEE
THEM?!













THIS IS
A VERY
TRYING,
VERY
DANGER-
OUS
SEARCH.

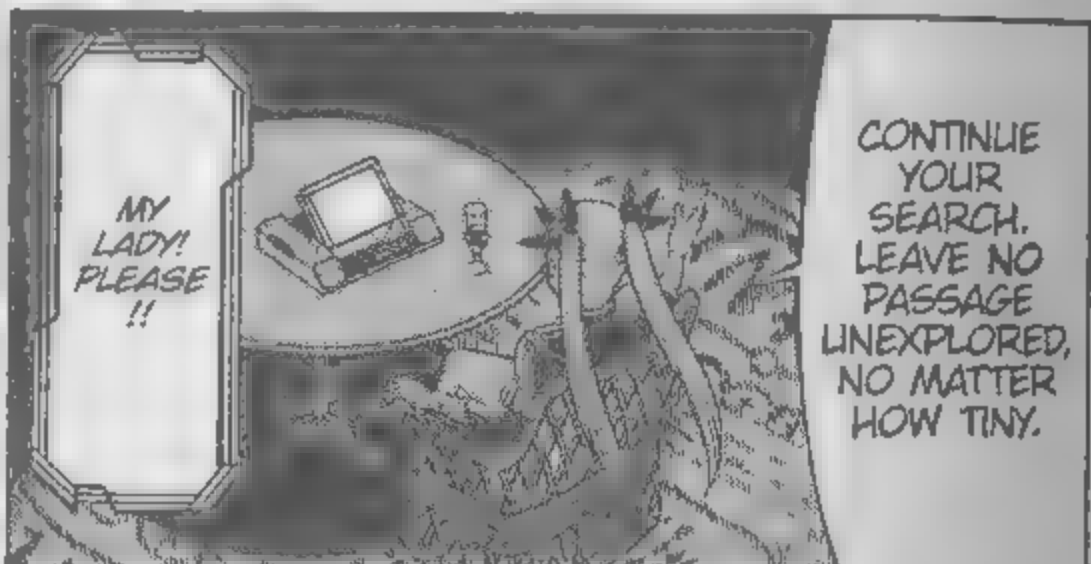
PLEASE,
CAN
WE AT
LEAST
HAVE A
SHORT
BREAK
--?

LANDSLIDES
AND
CAVE-INS
HAVE
ALREADY
CLAIMED
MANY OF
OUR COM-
PANIONS'
LIVES!



WHAT I
SEEK
MUST
NOT BE
MUCH
FARTHER,
THEN.

THAT
IS
FAIRLY
DEEP...



MY
LADY!
PLEASE
!!

CONTINUE
YOUR
SEARCH.
LEAVE NO
PASSAGE
UNEXPLORED,
NO MATTER
HOW TINY.



HA
HA
HA
...

AHA
HA
HA
HA!!



I
SHOW
NO
MERCY
TO
THOSE
WHO
DARE
DEFY
ME.

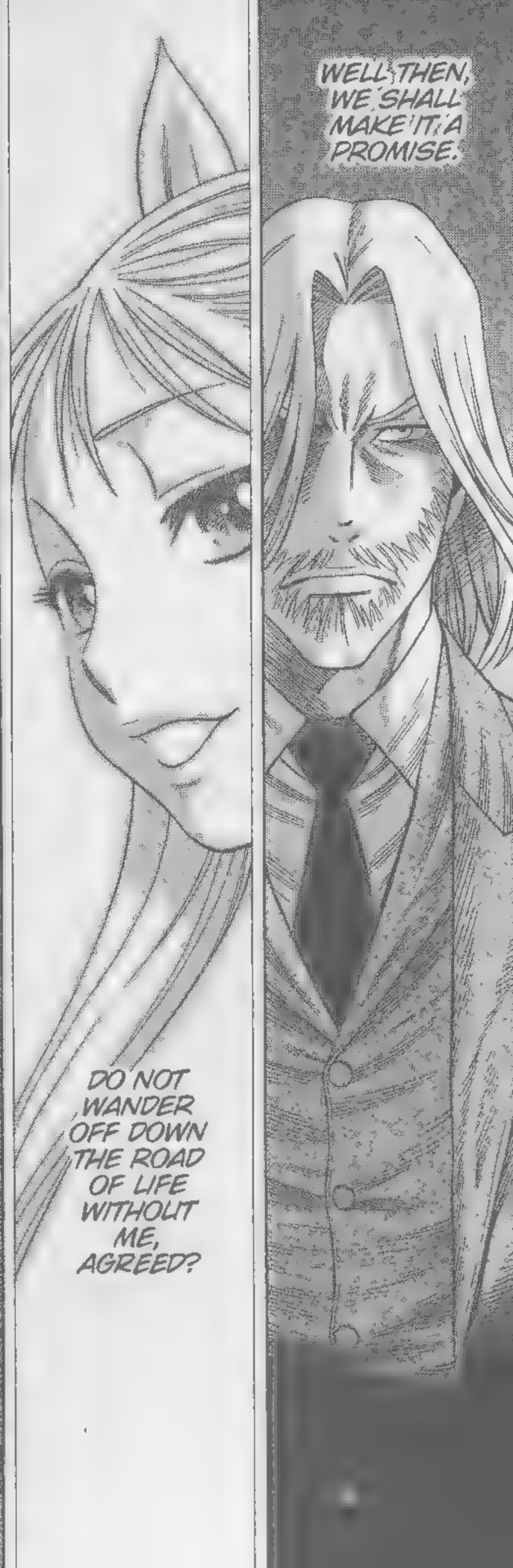
I AM NOT
YOUR
SWEET,
SOFT
PRINCESS.



NO.
THIS IS
THE PATH
YOU
CHOSE,
FANGLESS.



WELL THEN,
WE SHALL
MAKE IT A
PROMISE.



DO NOT
WANDER
OFF DOWN
THE ROAD
OF LIFE
WITHOUT
ME,
AGREED?



Chapter 77
As A Human

町内パトロール

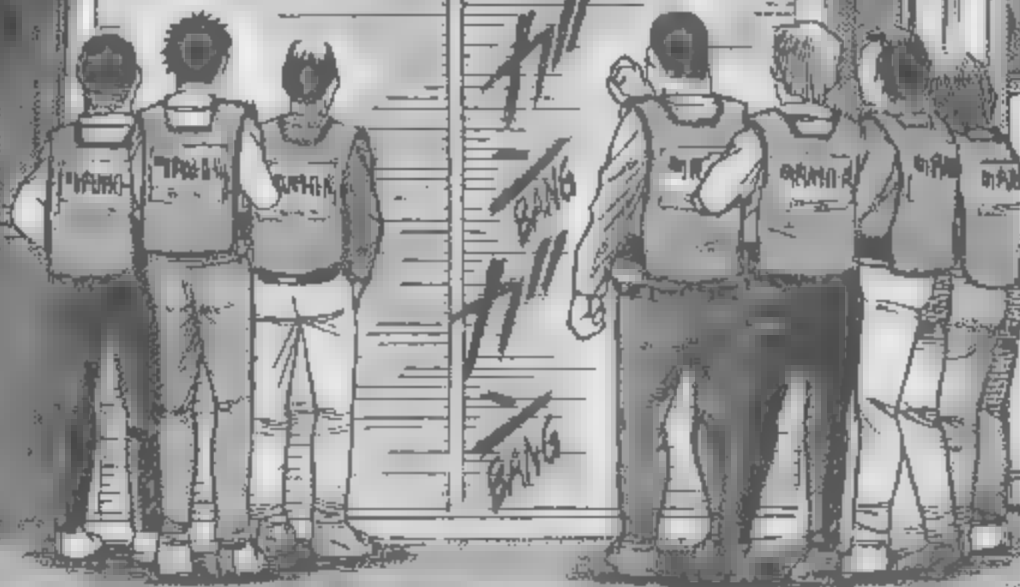
Neighborhood Watch

FUKURAIKEN-SAN!
FUKURAIKEN-SAN,
WE KNOW
YOU'RE IN
THERE!

OPEN
UP!

Home-Made

CHUKA CHINESE



IT'S
ONLY
POLITE.



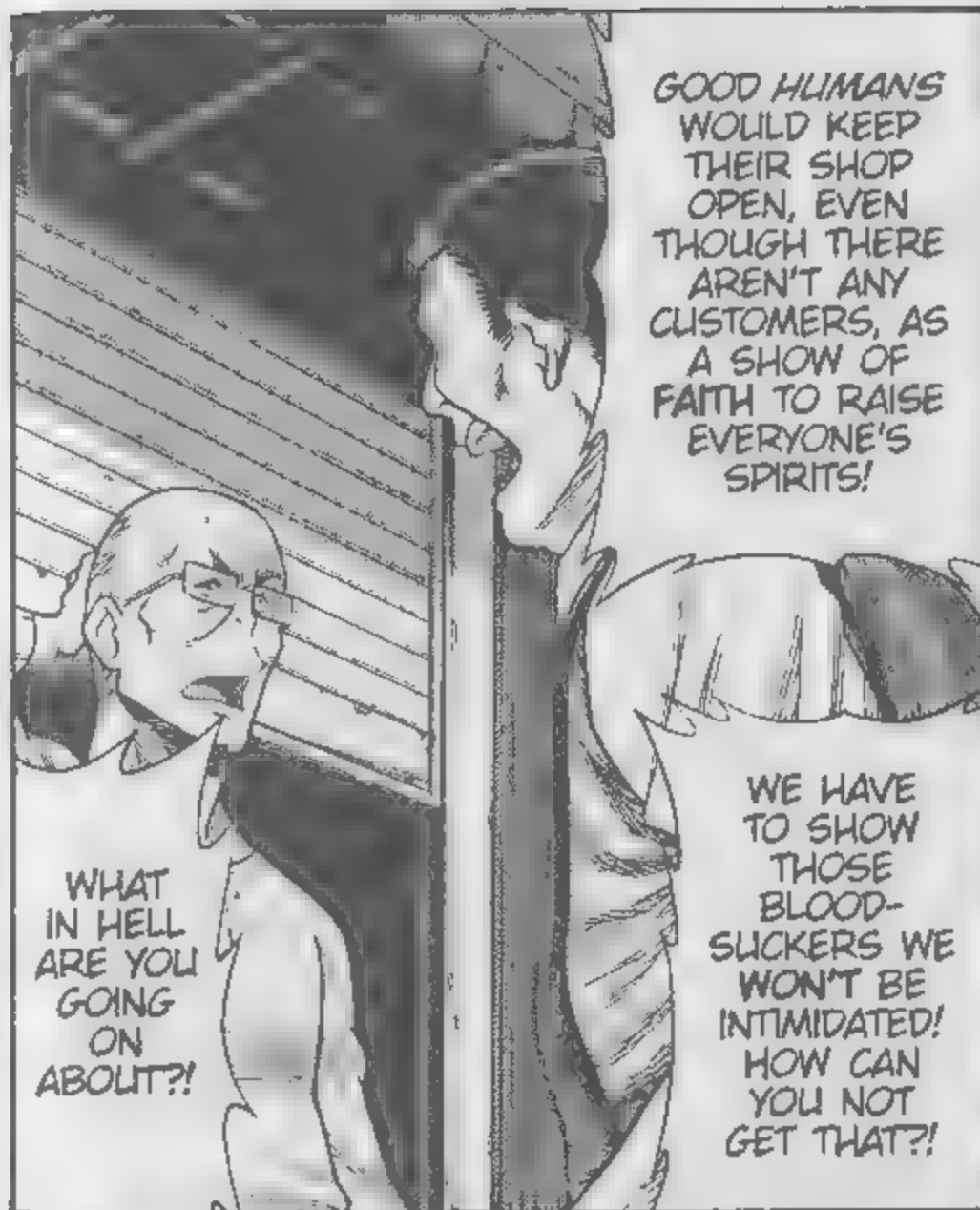
COME
ON OUT
HERE
INTO THE
SUNLIGHT
TO TALK.

WHAT?
WHAT?!
QUIT
BANGING.
I HEAR
YOU
ALREADY.

RATTLE
RATTLE







GOOD HUMANS
WOULD KEEP
THEIR SHOP
OPEN, EVEN
THOUGH THERE
AREN'T ANY
CUSTOMERS, AS
A SHOW OF
FAITH TO RAISE
EVERYONE'S
SPIRITS!

WHAT
IN HELL
ARE YOU
GOING
ON
ABOUT?!

WE HAVE
TO SHOW
THOSE
BLOOD-
SUCKERS WE
WON'T BE
INTIMIDATED!
HOW CAN
YOU NOT
GET THAT?!



"DISASTER HAS
FALLEN UPON
OUR FAIR CITY,
AND IT IS
THE DUTY OF
ALL CITIZENS
TO BAND
TOGETHER AND
FACE IT."

"THERE WILL
BE THOSE WHO
OPPOSE THIS.
THESE SELFISH
PEOPLE SEEK
ONLY PERSONAL
GAIN, AND
WHATEVER
BEFALLS THEM
IS THEIR OWN
FAULT."



I DON'T
HAVE A CLUE
WHAT THAT
PUFFED-UP
IDIOT
NISHIHARA
SAID...

BUT YOU'D HAVE
TO BE A MORON
TO BELIEVE THAT
KIND OF FEAR-
MONGERING
FROM A WORLD
WAR II MILITARY
YOUTH BRAT!

BESIDES,
I'VE
NEVER
VOTED
FOR HIM.
NOT EVEN
ONCE!

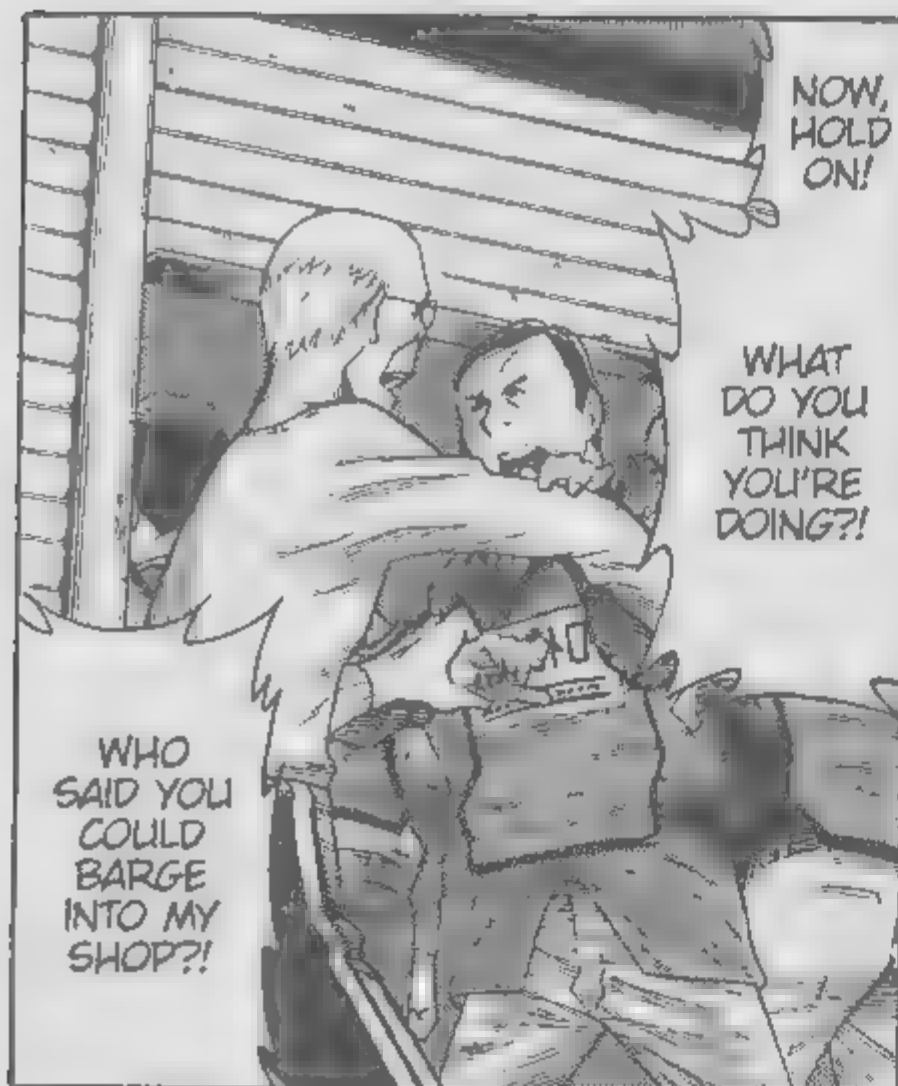


SUSPI-
CIOUS.



DO YOU
HAVE ANY
IDEA HOW
MUCH IT
COSTS
TO MAKE
RAMEN THAT
NOBODY'S
GOING TO
BUY?

EVEN
BOILING
A POT OF
WATER
ISN'T
FREE!



NOW,
HOLD
ON!

WHAT
DO YOU
THINK
YOU'RE
DOING?!

WHO
SAID YOU
COULD
BARGE
INTO MY
SHOP?!



HEY!

ONLY
SOMEBODY
WITH
SOMETHING
TO HIDE
WOULD GO
ON THAT
KIND OF
TIRADE!



COME ON
THEN.
YOU'D BEST
GO IN TOO,
WATANABE-
SAN.



OH
DEAR...
HE HAD
TO GO
AND
MAKE
HIM MAD,
DIDN'T
HE?

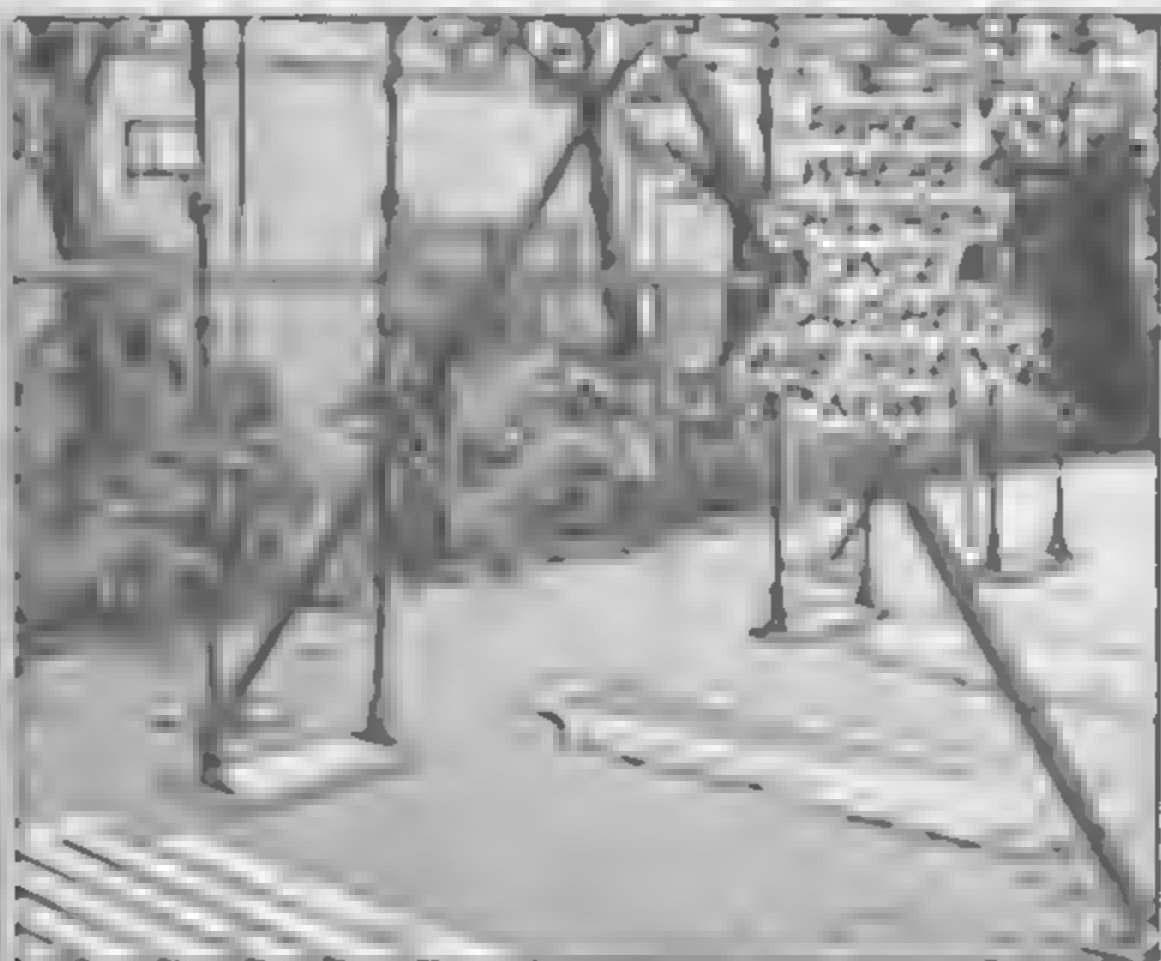


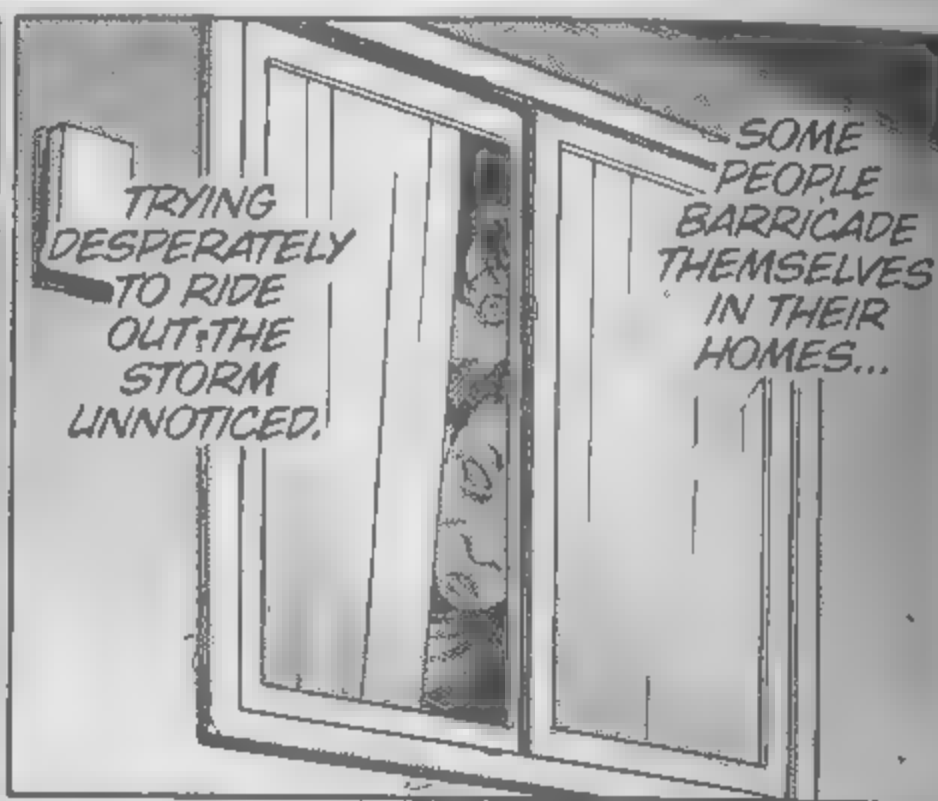
IF YOU
DON'T
HAVE
ANYTHING
TO HIDE,
THEN
WHERE'S
THE
PROBLEM
?



WHY, WHEN HE
WAS YOUNGER,
HE WOULD READ
EVERY ONE OF
THE MAYOR'S
POLITICAL ESSAYS,
AND DO HIS BEST
TO EMULATE
THEM.

TAKEDA-
SAN WAS
ALWAYS
BEEN AN
ARDENT
SUP-
PORTER OF THE
MAYOR.





#vampire Search Results Tweets / Top

kazuhiro (Yamada Kazuhiro)
PUBLIC Lorenzo Pharmaceuticals is owned by the Tepes family! They make the artificial blood called "Stigma". Hospital patients who received a transfusion of this artificial blood became vampires! Ask your hospital to stop using Lorenzo Pharmaceuticals products today!
#vampire 10 sec. ago

boom boom
PUBLIC Lorenzo Pharmaceuticals is owned by the Tepes family! They make the artificial blood called "Stigma". Hospital patients who received a transfusion of this artificial blood became vampires! Ask your hospital to stop using Lorenzo Pharmaceuticals products today!
#vampire 20 sec. ago

Brian (TamiTam)
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#vampire 1 min. ago

Bonbon (Young Master)
1st hand source: RT @Rumpelstilzchen - A hospital patient who received a Stigma blood transfusion turned into a vampire!
#vampire 1 min. ago

CHIKUTAKU (Watchmaker)
PUBLIC Be careful! Vampires have a go! that will protect them from sunlight because you see someone outside in the sun doesn't mean they aren't a vampire!
#vampire 2 min. ago

Rumpelstilzchen (Little Dwarf)
PUBLIC Lorenzo Pharmaceuticals is owned by the Tepes family! They make the artificial blood called "Stigma". Hospital patients who received a transfusion of this artificial blood became vampires! Ask your hospital to stop using Lorenzo Pharmaceuticals products today!
#vampire 3 min. ago

Rumpelstilzchen (Little Dwarf)
PUBLIC RT @Nobita - Vampires are not in garlic wards and it prevents vampires from entering!

Neutered Alie
PUBLIC RT @Nobita - Vampires are not in garlic wards and it prevents vampires from entering!

Bonbon (Young Master)
1st hand source: RT @Rumpelstilzchen - A hospital patient who received a Stigma blood transfusion turned into a vampire!
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AN INVISIBLE
THREAT HAS
STRUCK
FEAR INTO
EVERYONE...

TAKE
MORE
DESPERATE
ACTIONS.

SPREADING
TERROR
MORE
VIRULENT
THAN ANY
PLAGUE.

FACTS AND
COMMON SENSE
ARE PASSED
OVER FOR
GROUNDLESS,
UNPROVEN
FABRICATIONS.

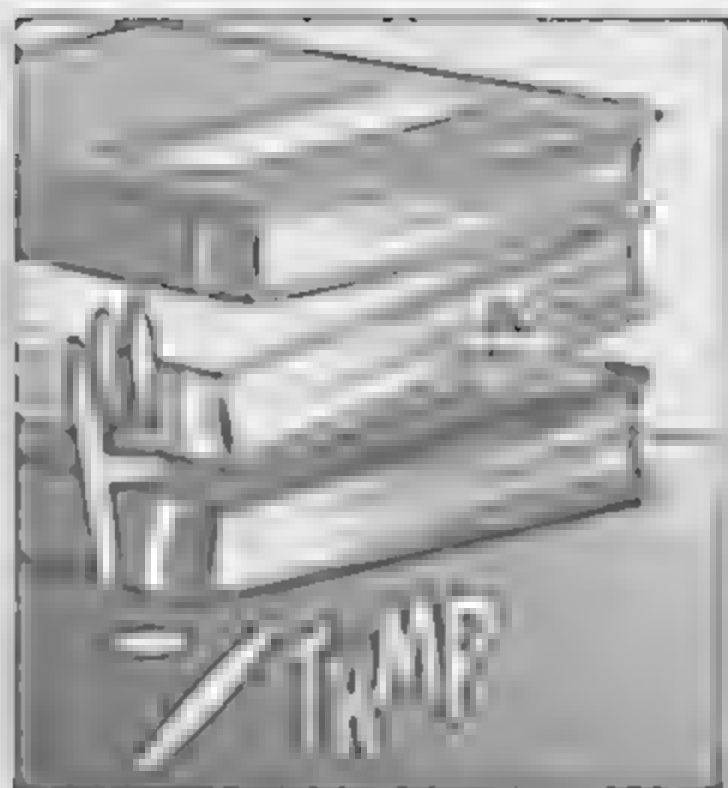
THE PEOPLE
ARE LEFT
LIKE LEAVES
IN THE WIND,
FLUTTERING
BACK AND
FORTH, TRYING
TO FIND
SOMETHING,
ANYTHING THEY
CAN TRUST IN.

This is all true! I saw it with my own eyes!!

NO ONE
KNOWS WHAT
THEY CAN
BELIEVE
ANYMORE...

NOT
EVEN
ME.





THEY ARE A
HINT ABOUT
WHY SHE
CAME HERE,
AND SHE WAS
TAUNTING ME
WITH THEM.

THOSE
WORDS
HAVE BEEN
SEARED
INTO MY
MIND.



FWD

TWITCH

SHE'S
DARING
ME TO
FIGURE
IT OUT,
IF I CAN.



UM,
WOULDN'T IT
BE QUICKER
JUST TO
LOOK THIS
ALL UP
ON THE
INTERNET?



THIS LAPTOP
USES THE BLIND'S
GOVERNMENTAL
SERVERS AND
INTERNET
CONNECTIONS.
EVERY SINGLE
COMMUNICATION
COMING INTO OR
GOING OUT OF
THAT SERVER IS
MONITORED.

AT THE START
OF ALL THIS,
I TRIED TO
SEND AN EMAIL
TO AKIRA,
WARNING HIM
ABOUT FAKE
MINA...

DON'T
BO-
THER.

I
CAN'T
DO
THAT.

BUT
SHE
FOUND
IT.



YES,
HE WAS
ALWAYS A
SHARP
PERSON.



HER
HIGHNESS
MERELY
DID WHAT
SHE
MUST AS
RULER.



IN-
DEED

"THAT'S
IMPOS-
SIBLE."

AND HE
NEVER
SPARED
AKIRA-KUN--
OR EVEN
HIME-SAMA--
THE ACERBIC
SIDE OF HIS
TONGUE



SHOULD
I BE
HAPPY?
OR
SHALL
I BE
SAD?

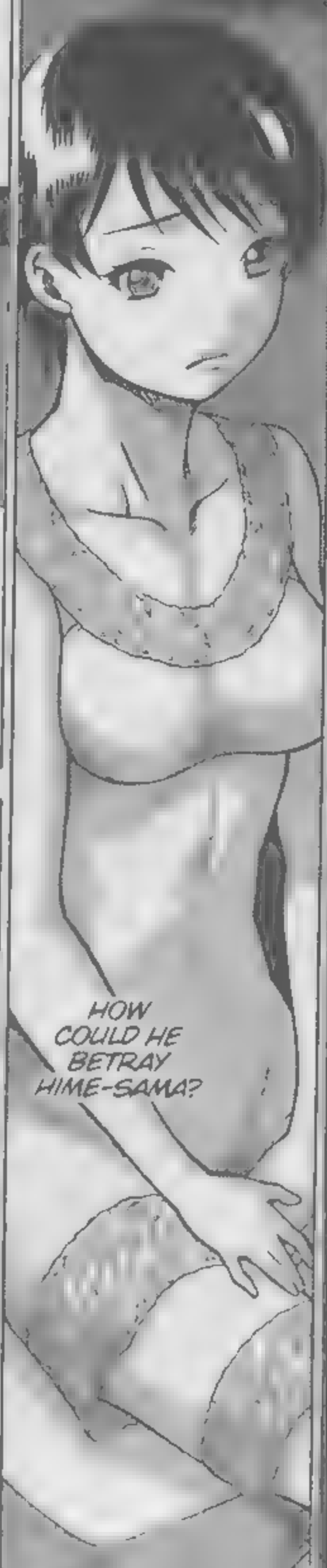
IN THE END,
EVERYTHING
HE DID WAS
ALWAYS
FOR HIME-
SAMA'S
SAKE.



I THOUGHT
HIS DEVOTION
TO HER,
THOUGH HE
HID IT WELL,
WAS ROCK-
SOLID.

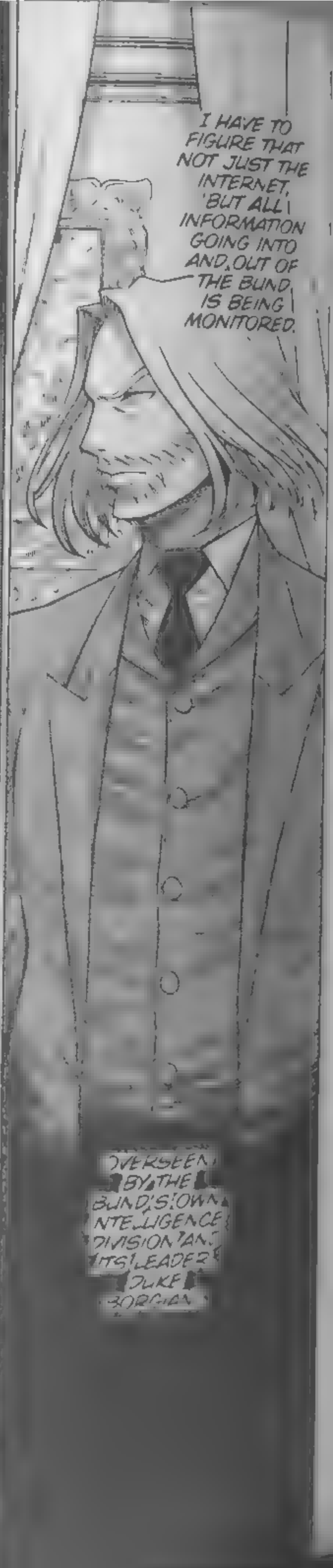
IT CAN
HARDLY
BELIEVE
IT

EVEN
NOW

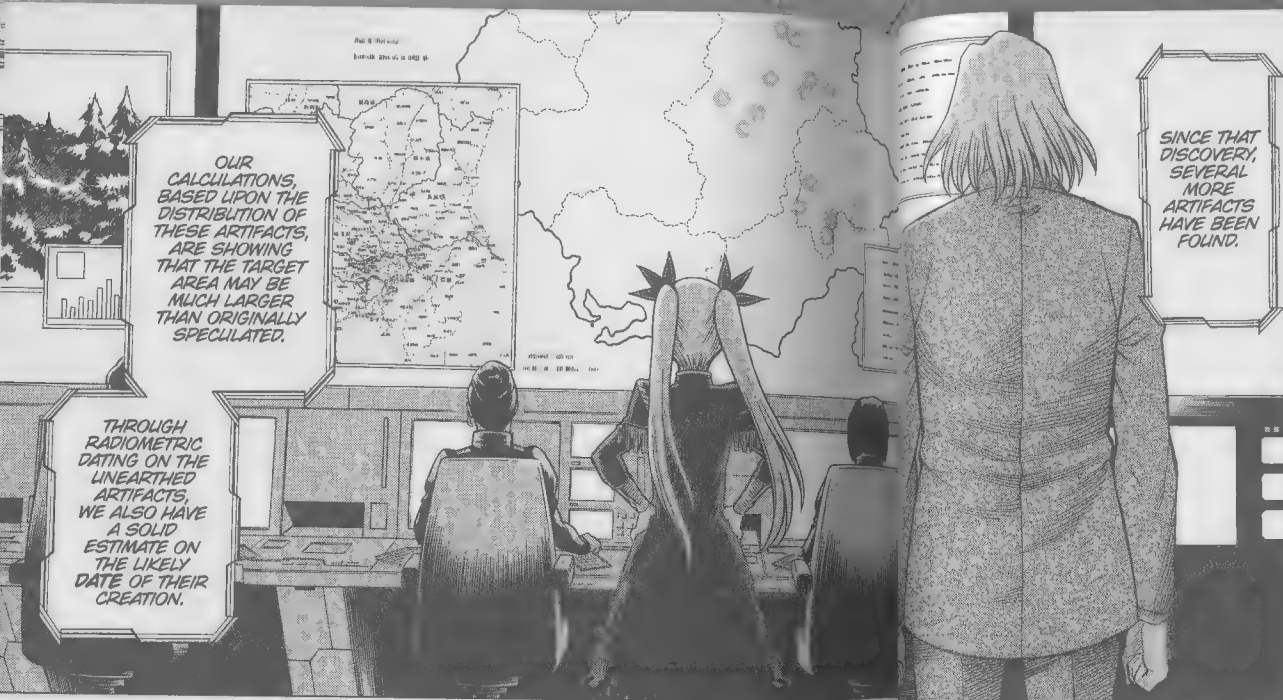


HOW
COULD HE
BETRAY
HIME-SAMA?

I HAVE TO
FIGURE THAT
NOT JUST THE
INTERNET,
BUT ALL
INFORMATION
GOING INTO
AND OUT OF
THE BUND
IS BEING
MONITORED.



OVERSEEN
BY THE
BUND'S OWN
INTELLIGENCE
DIVISION AND
ITS LEADER
DUKE
FORGIAN.



OUR CALCULATIONS, BASED UPON THE DISTRIBUTION OF THESE ARTIFACTS, ARE SHOWING THAT THE TARGET AREA MAY BE MUCH LARGER THAN ORIGINALLY SPECULATED.

THROUGH RADIOMETRIC DATING ON THE LINEARTHED ARTIFACTS, WE ALSO HAVE A SOLID ESTIMATE ON THE LIKELY DATE OF THEIR CREATION.

SINCE THAT DISCOVERY, SEVERAL MORE ARTIFACTS HAVE BEEN FOUND.

YOU HAVE AN IDEA OF WHERE THAT IS, YES?

I DON'T CARE ABOUT THAT FRINGE DETRITUS! I WANT WHAT THEY GUARD AT THEIR CENTER.

YES.

ALL ARE NEARLY IDENTICAL TO THOSE FOUND IN SOUTH AMERICA, CORRECT?

JUST A LITTLE PEEK INTO HIS MIND.

THE PEOPLE OF THIS COUNTRY.

HMPH. WHAT FOOLS THEY ARE...

DO NOT FORGET THOSE WORDS. I WILL HOLD YOU TO THEM.

ERM... WE BELIEVE WE WILL HAVE GOOD NEWS ON THAT FRONT IN A DAY OR TWO.

SOMETIMES, I WISH IT COULD GET A PEEK...



"LOST
HISTORY,"
EH?

A LOST
PAST...

THEIR
OWN
HISTORY
...

AND THEY
LOST IT
TO THE
MISTS OF
TIME.

POISON
SPREADS
AT THEIR
FEET...

AND ALL
THEY DO
IS HOP
ABOUT IN
FEAR, LIKE
SCARED
LITTLE
RABBITS.

THEY HAVE
NO IDEA WHAT
LIES SLEEPING
BENEATH
THEM, HIDDEN
THERE SINCE
ANTIQUITY.



OUR PROBLEM IS THIS.

HOW WILL THE THREE GREAT CLANS VIEW THIS WAR, AND WHAT WILL THEY DO?



I THINK WE MAY RULE OUT LI IN THIS PARTICULAR INSTANCE.

I EXPECT IVANOVIC WILL ALSO CONTENT ITSELF WITH WATCHING FOR NOW. NAPOLEON HAS YET TO MAKE ANY MOVES TOWARDS RUSSIA, AFTER ALL.

THOUGH WE CANNOT SAY HE WON'T DO SO, EVENTUALLY.



NAPOLEON IS PRESENTLY GATHERING A LARGE ARMY ON THE BOLOGNA COAST, WITH THE INTENT TO SAIL FOR ENGLAND.

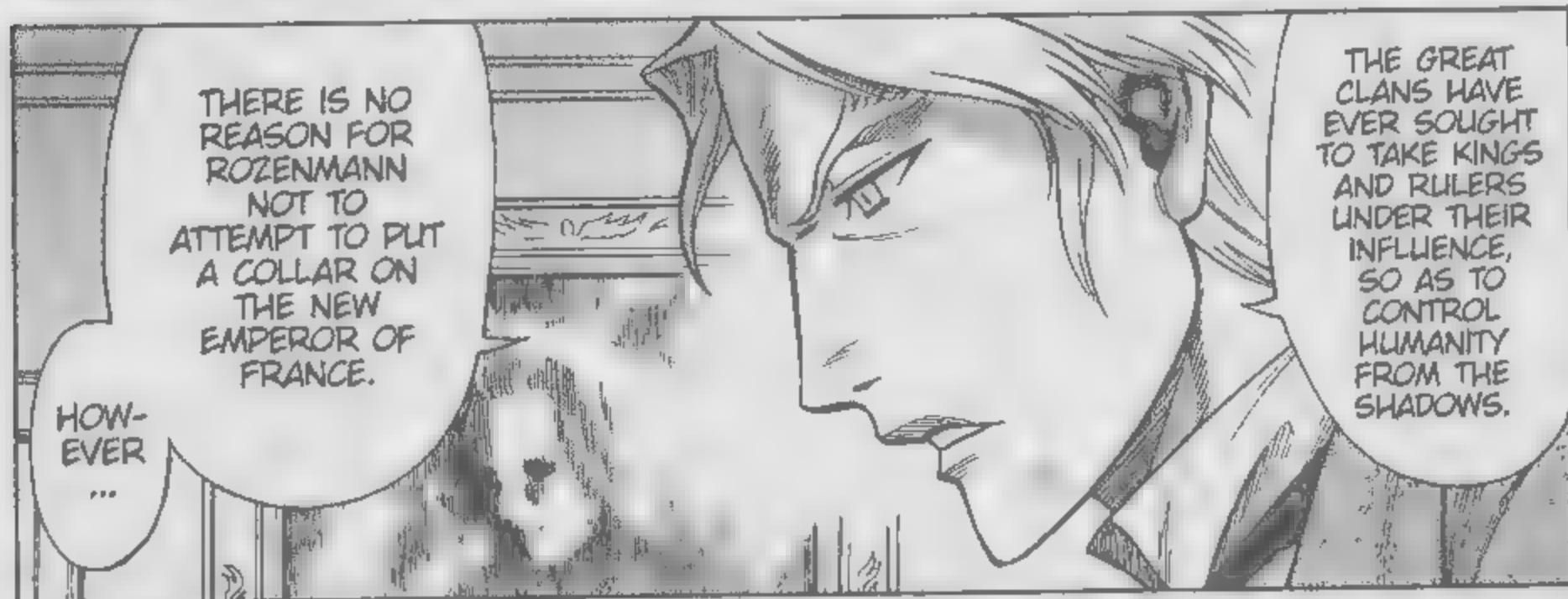
IN RESPONSE, ENGLAND HAS JUST SEALED A TREATY OF MUTUAL PROTECTION WITH AUSTRIA AND RUSSIA. PRUSSIA CURRENTLY STANDS NEUTRAL.

HOWEVER, THERE IS NO TELLING HOW LONG THAT WILL LAST. NAPOLEON HAS SUCCESSFULLY SPLIT EUROPE RIGHT DOWN THE CENTER, AFTER ALL.



HE
MUST BE
WATCHED
CLOSELY.

I AGREE,
WHICH
LEAVES
US WITH
ROZEN-
MANN.



THERE IS NO
REASON FOR
ROZENMANN
NOT TO
ATTEMPT TO PUT
A COLLAR ON
THE NEW
EMPEROR OF
FRANCE.

HOW-
EVER
...

THE GREAT
CLANS HAVE
EVER SOUGHT
TO TAKE KINGS
AND RULERS
UNDER THEIR
INFLUENCE,
SO AS TO
CONTROL
HUMANITY
FROM THE
SHADOWS.



IT...

IT ALMOST
SEEMS AS IF
HE HAS LOST
INTEREST IN
WORLDLY AIMS,
SUCH AS GLORY
FOR HIS CLAN
OR CONTROL OF
THE HUMANS.



YES.
IT IS
STRANGE
...

OF LATE,
I HAVE
CAUGHT
GLIMPSES
OF AN ODD
SHADOW
ABOUT
ROZEN-
MANN.



IS THERE
SOMETHING
THAT
CONCERNS
YOU,
SIR?



REGARDLESS,
I EXPECT
ROZENMANN WILL
NOT LET THIS
OPPORTUNITY
PASS. HE
WILL ATTEMPT
SOMETHING, BUT
NOT TOWARDS
NAPOLEON.

A BLOW
FROM A
BLIND SPOT
RIGHT NOW
WOULD BE
DEVASTATING
FOR US.

TO BE
TRUTHFUL,
DURING
THESE LAST
SEVERAL YEARS,
MY INTELLIGENCE
NETWORK HAS
BEEN SCATTERED
ALL ACROSS
THE CONTINENT.
IT IS NOT
AT FULL
EFFICIENCY.

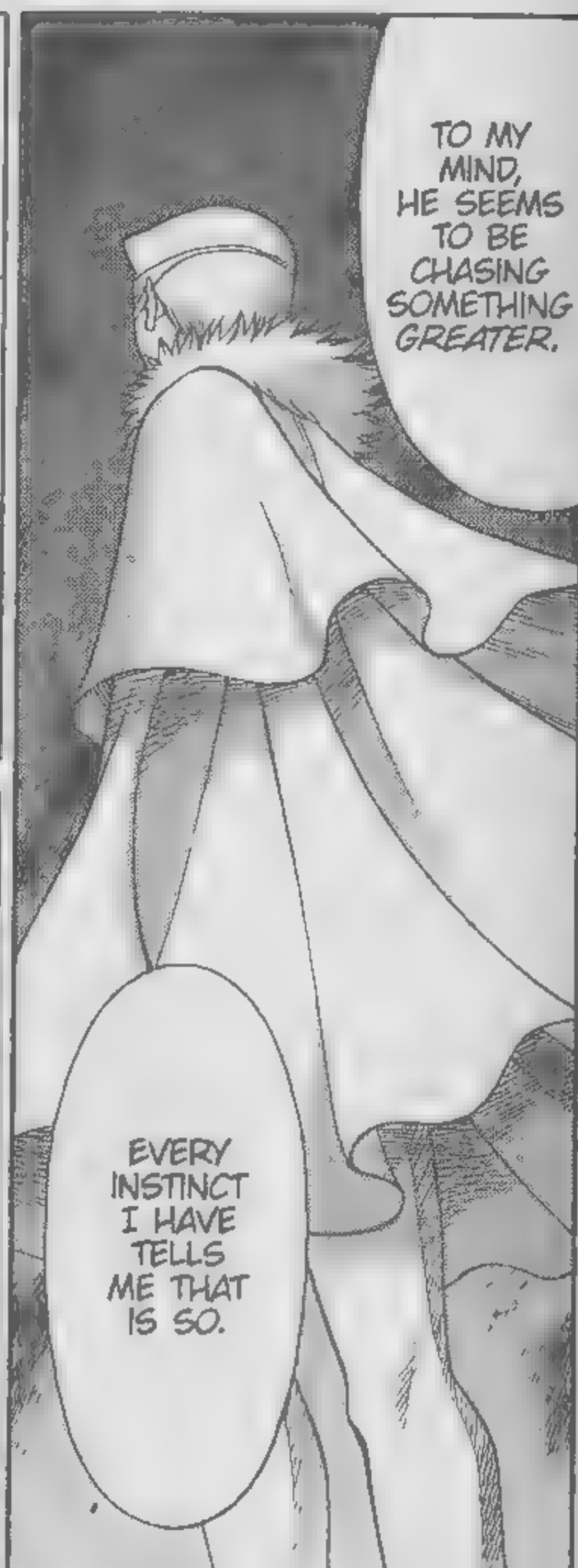


CHAS-
ING
WHAT
...?

DO
YOU
KNOW
?



.....



TO MY
MIND,
HE SEEMS
TO BE
CHASING
SOMETHING
GREATER.

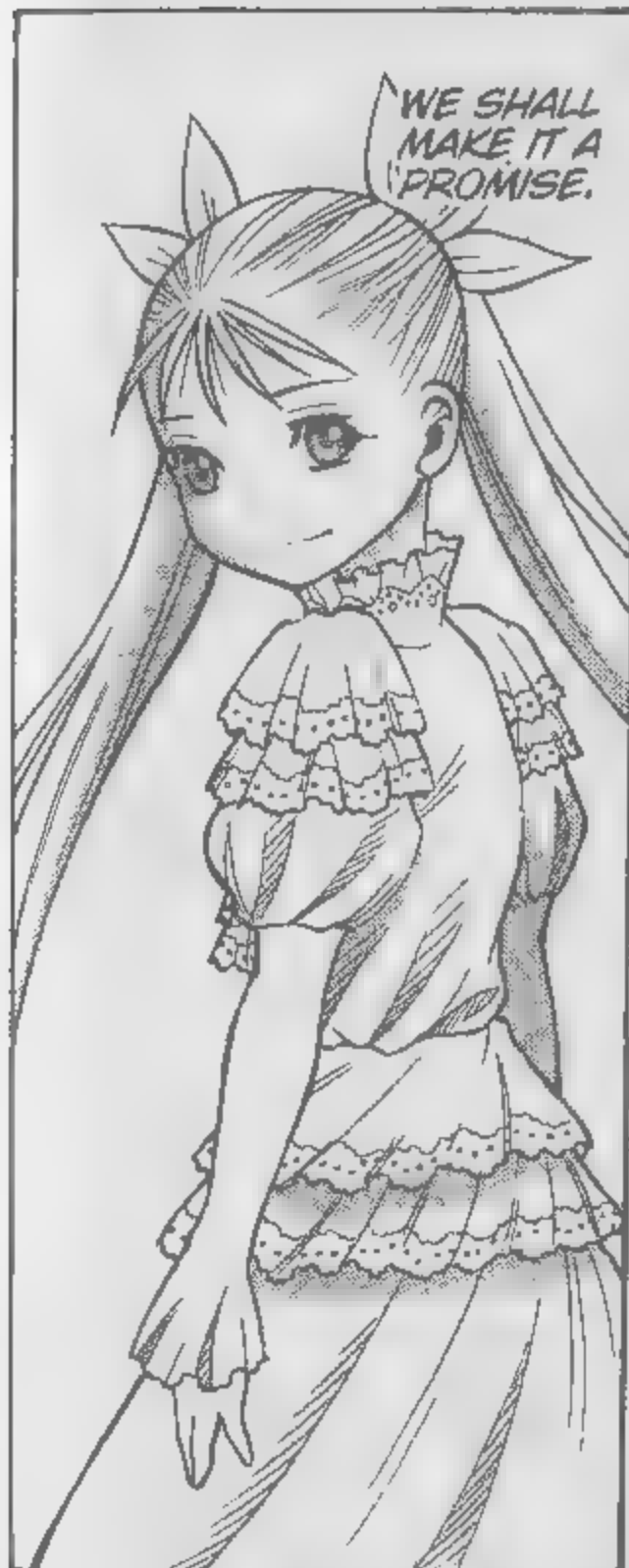
EVERY
INSTINCT
I HAVE
TELLS
ME THAT
IS SO.



SHE
SHOULD
BE QUITE
SAFE
FROM ANY
DANGERS
THERE.

YES. I HAVE
ESTABLISHED
A RESIDENCE
FOR HER
MAJESTY
NEAR THE
RHONE.

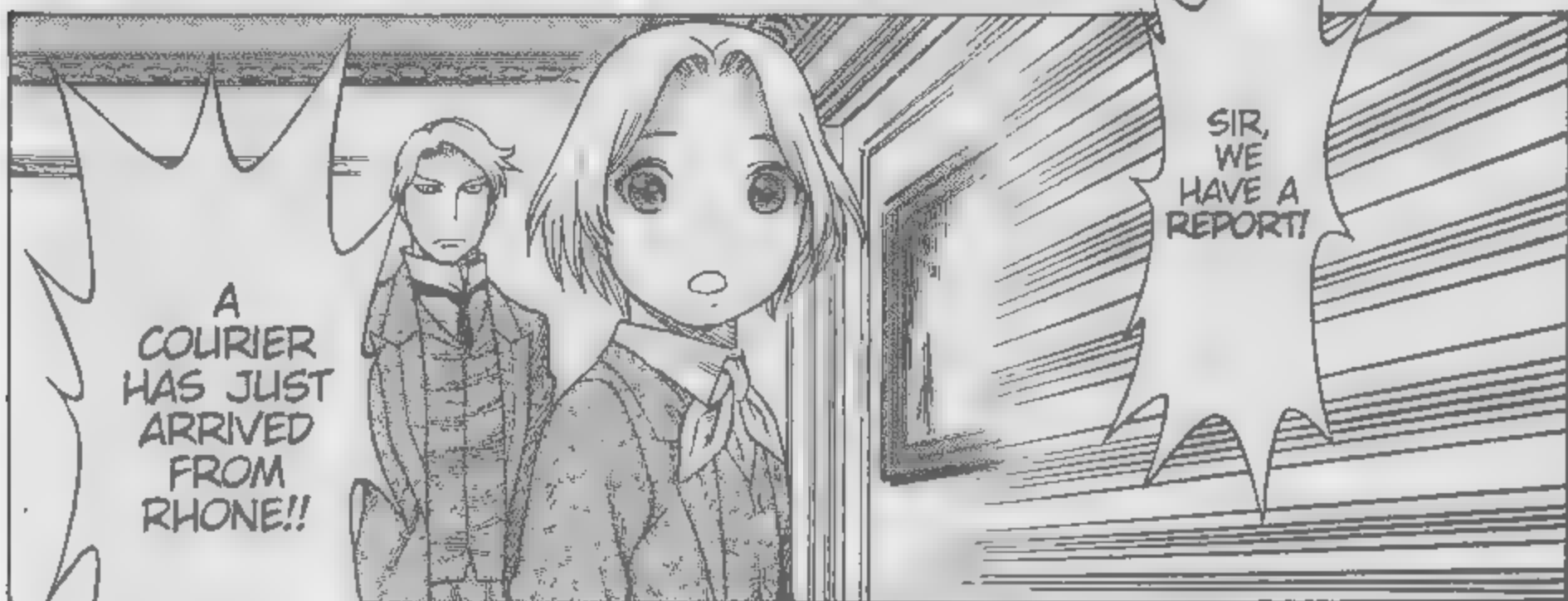
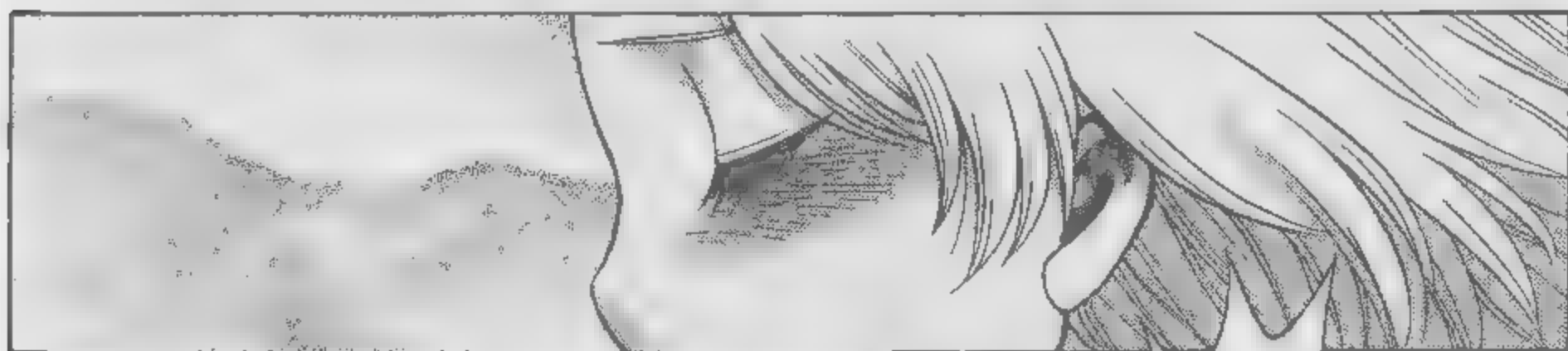
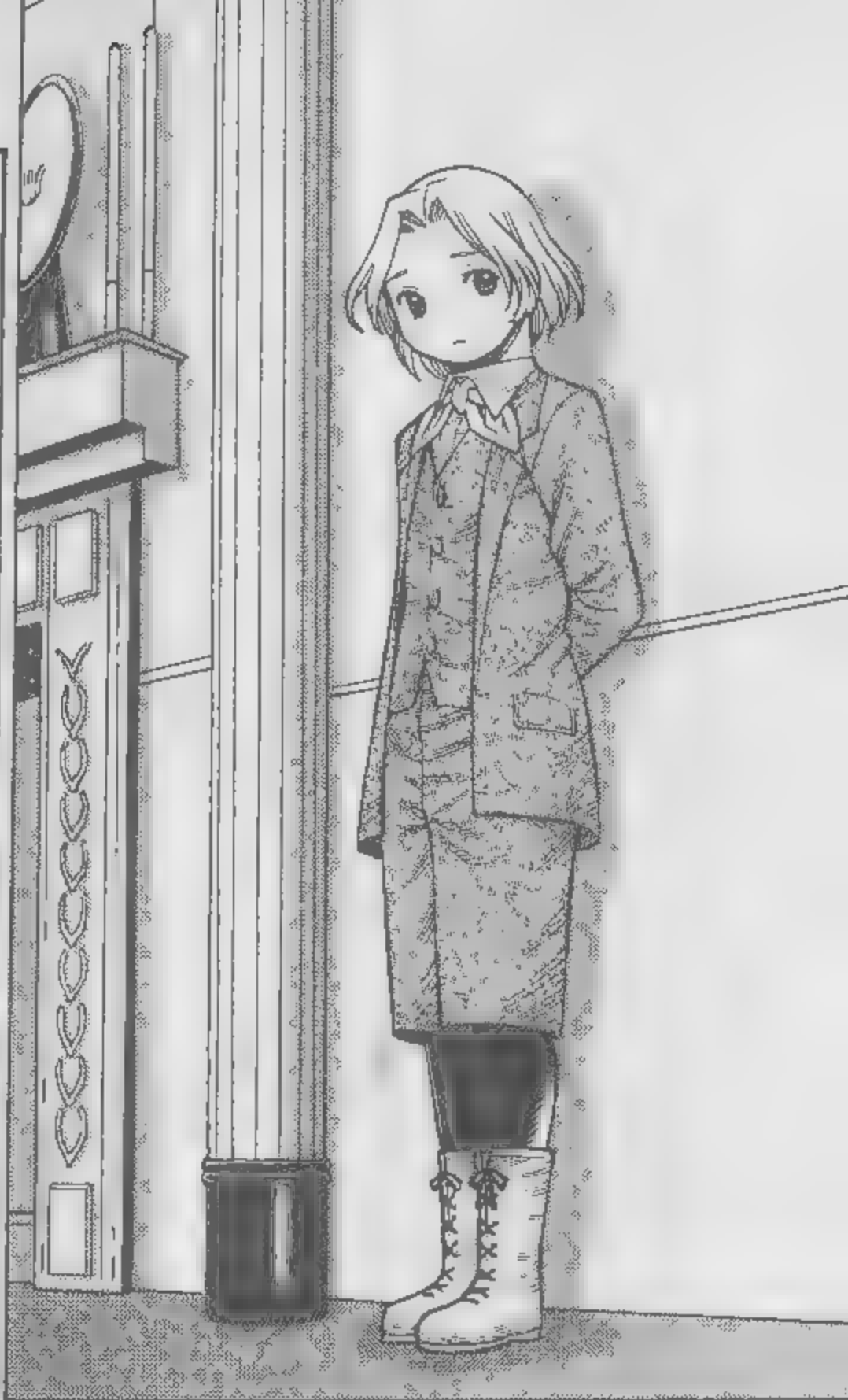
WHAT OF
HER
MAJESTY?
IS SHE
SAFE?



WE SHALL
MAKE IT A
PROMISE.



I WONDER
WHAT HER
MAJESTY
IS DOING
RIGHT NOW?



A
COURIER
HAS JUST
ARRIVED
FROM
RHONE!!

SIR,
WE
HAVE A
REPORT!



WHAT?!

MY LORD,
THE RHONE
RESIDENCE
WAS
ATTACKED BY
ROZENMANN'S
FORCES!
IT HAS
BEEN RAZED
TO THE
GROUND!!

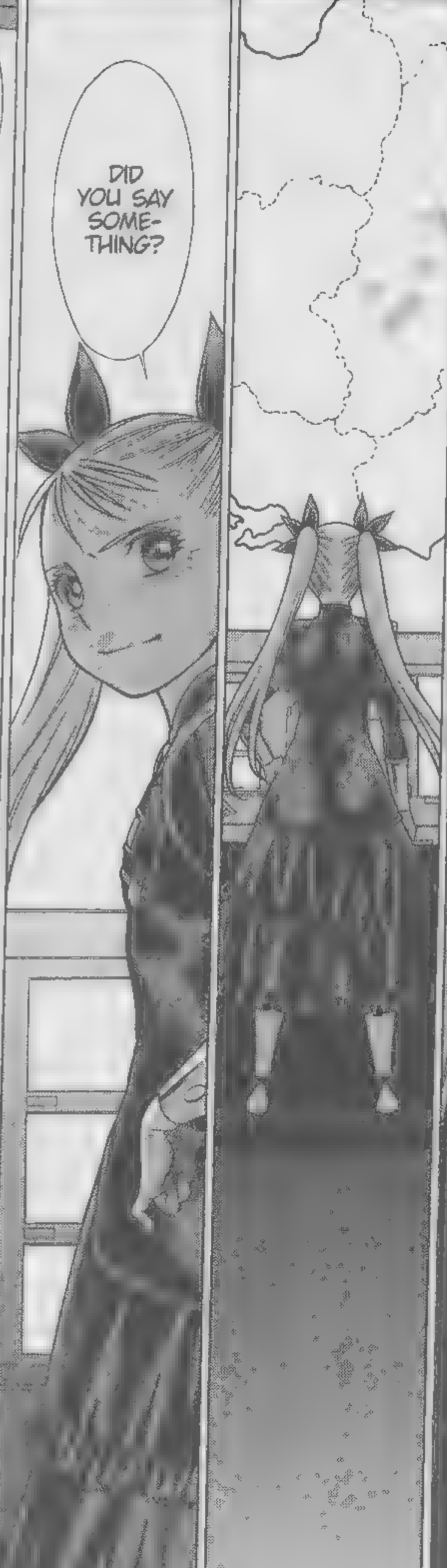
WHAT OF
HER
MAJESTY?!
IS SHE
UNHARMED
?!

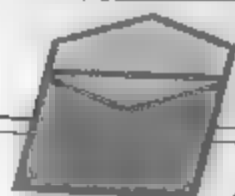
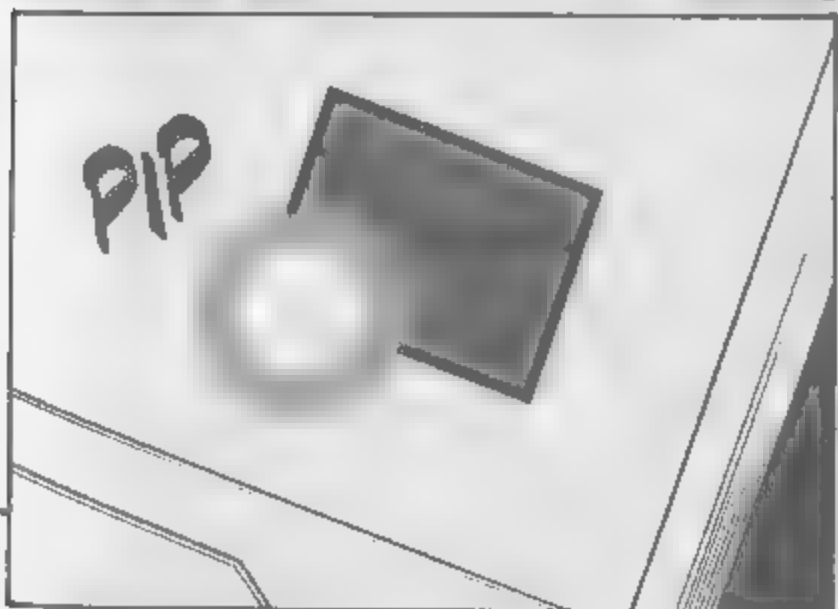
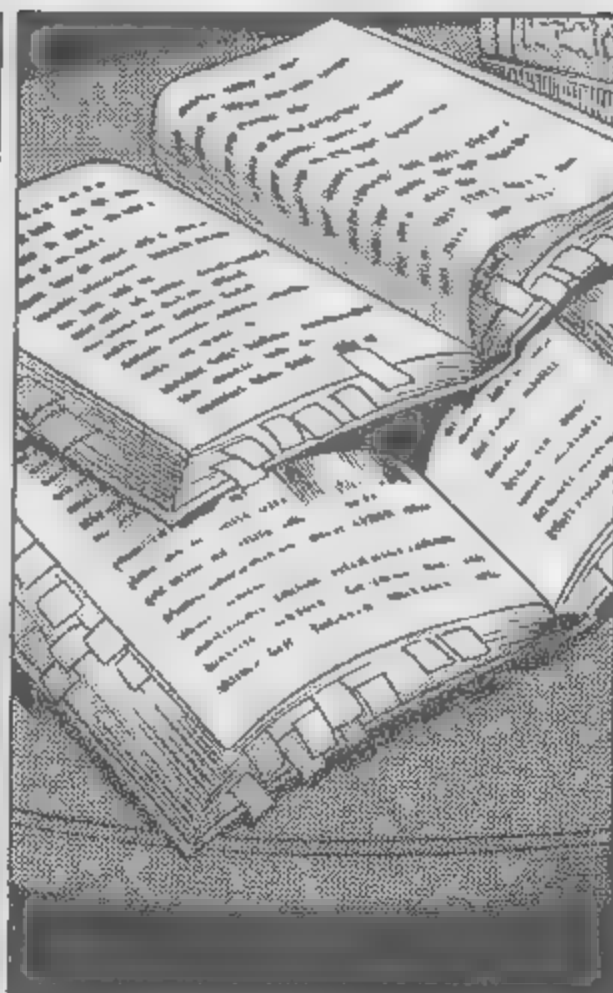
DO NOT
WANDER
OFF DOWN
THE ROAD
OF LIFE
WITHOUT
'ME...'

HER
MAJESTY
IS
MISSING,
MY
LORDS!

AGREED?

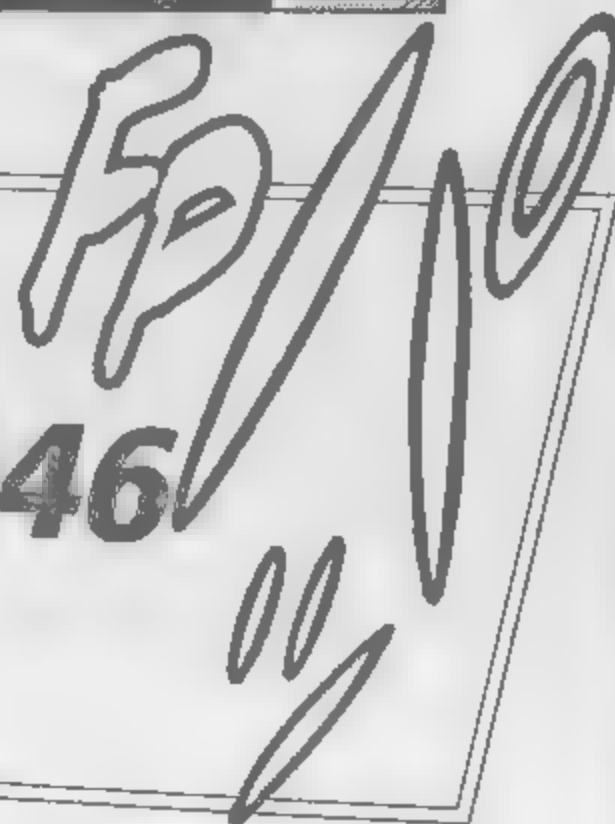
M
I
S
S
I
N
G
!!





A REPLY IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR THIS MAIL.

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IS IT A
PASSWORD
OF SOME
KIND?

AN ALPHA-
NUMERIC
STRING?
WHAT'S
THIS FOR?

A REPLY IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR THIS MAIL

XK4591II 3hg046

TEPES ROYAL FAMILY

TOP SECRET FILE

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DID I JUST GET
THE ACCESS KEY
TO THE BLIND
SERVER'S
TOP SECRET
DATABASE?!



WHAT
THE
HECK...?

TEPES ROYAL FAMILY *BUT...
WHY?*

TO SECRET FILE

WHO SENT
THIS TO ME,
AND WHY
NOW?!

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IT COULD
BE A
TRAP...

ENTER

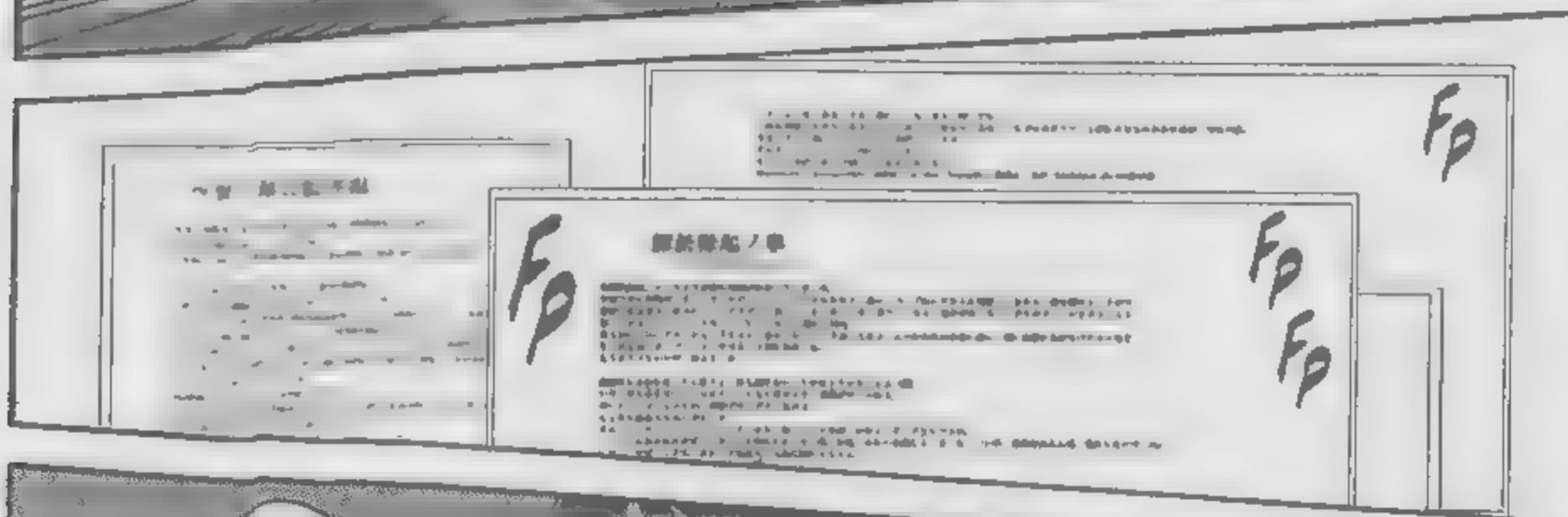
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IT'S NOT
LIKE I
HAVE
ANYTHING
LEFT TO
LOSE!

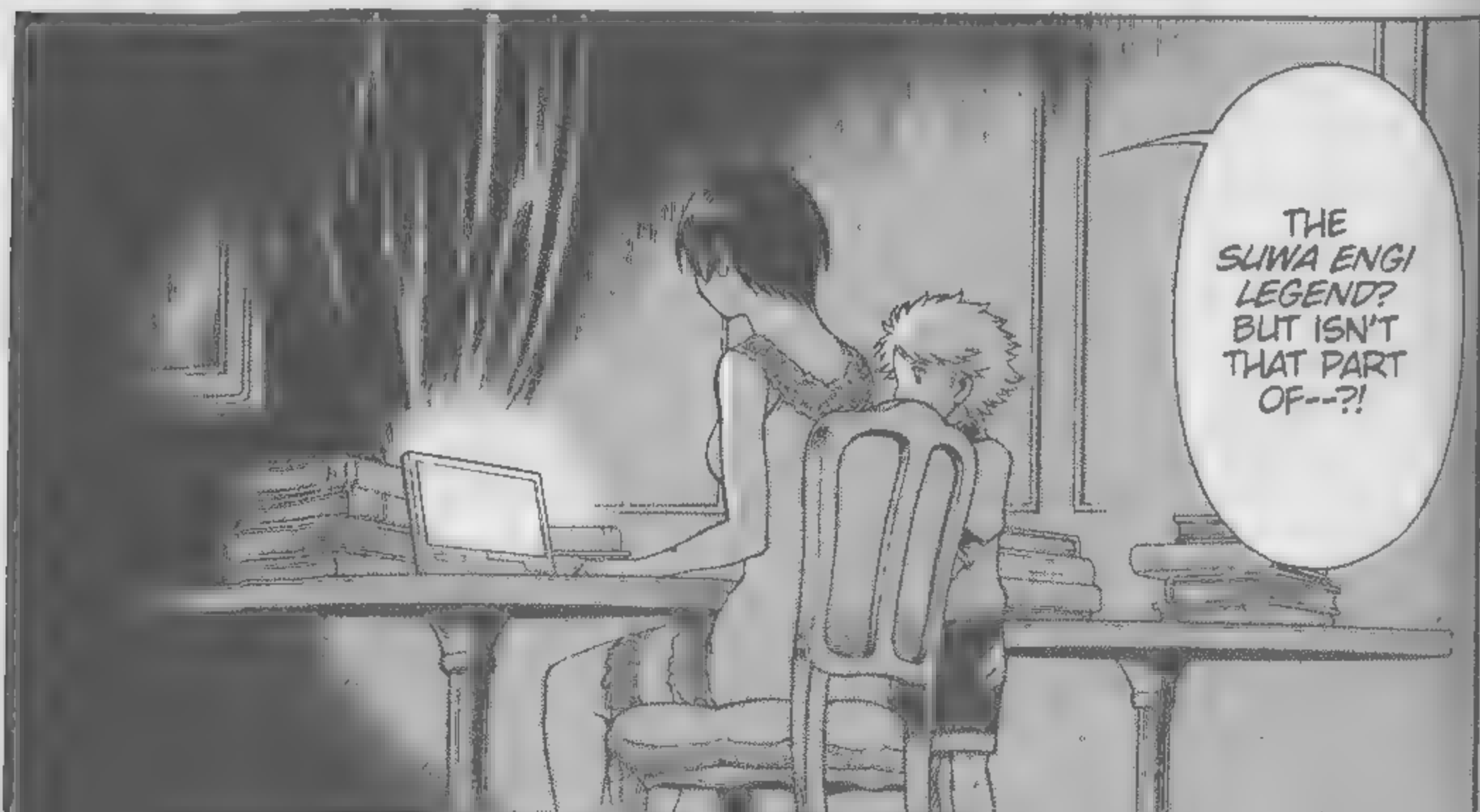


OH,
WHO
CARES!



起縁訪

SUWA ENGI LEGEND

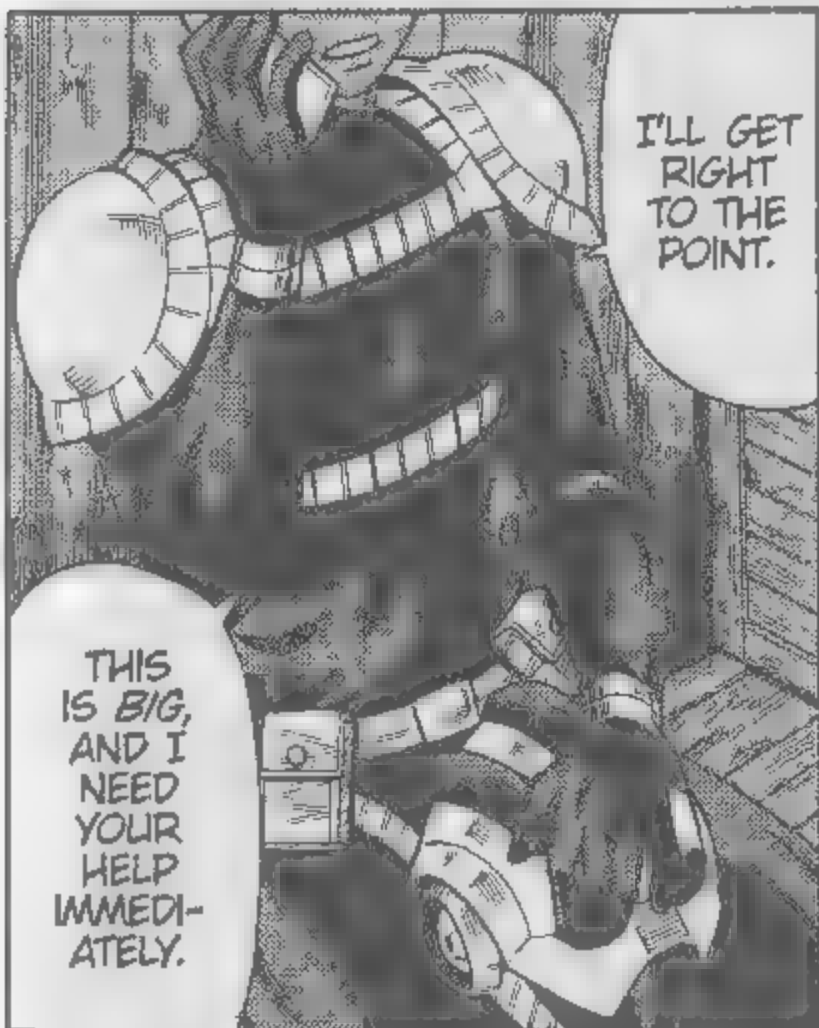




WELL, YOU CERTAINLY SEEM TO BE TAKING THIS CALMLY!

OUR INVESTIGATION HAS A LEAK?!

YOU'RE KIDDING ME!



I'LL GET RIGHT TO THE POINT.

THIS IS BIG, AND I NEED YOUR HELP IMMEDIATELY.



WAIT...

I KNOW THIS VOICE.



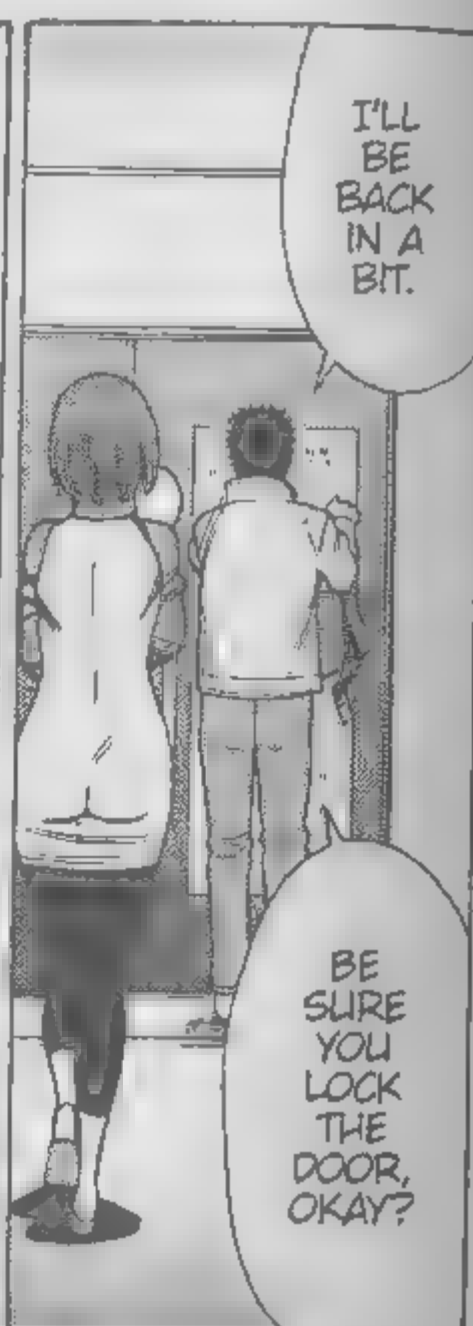
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THIS HAMA-SAN?



THERE'S SOMEONE I NEED YOUR BOSS TO MEET.

Y'SEE...



*Hikikomori - A phenomenon where teens and young adults withdraw from all social interactions often seeking extreme isolation and confinement within their homes



QUIT DRAGGING YOUR FEET, YOU STUPID SLOB!



EVERY-BODY! OUT OF THE HOUSE!



NOW I'M GONNA BEAT SOME SENSE INTO HIM FOR YOU!!



SHOCKER

I SUGGEST
YOU DO AS HE
SAYS. AFTER ALL,
YOU STILL HAVE
SOME THINGS TO
PROVE, DON'T
YOU? OR DO YOU
WANT TO INVITE...
MISUNDER-
STANDINGS?

WATA-
NABE-
SAN.

町内パトロール
SECURITY PATROL

TAKE
IT!

YOU
WANT TO
PROTECT
YOUR
FAMILY,
DON'T
YOU?!



DO
IT!

DO
IT!

DO
IT!



DO
IT!!

YES,
I KNOW
EXACTLY
WHAT
I'M
DOING.

HEY!
WHERE
THE HELL
YOU ARE
GOING?!

KLANG

TO MY
FAMILY.

HOME.

YOU
GET BACK
HERE
THIS
INSTANT!
YOU
FINISH
THIS!!

WATA-
NABE
!!

WATA-
NABE!



WE CAN'T
LET HIM
GET AWAY
WITH
THAT!!

THAT
DAMNED
WATANABE
BRAT
CHICKENED
OUT AT
THE LAST
MINUTE!



BUT WHAT
CAN WE DO
ABOUT IT?
I MEAN,
NOBODY'S
ACCUSED HIM
OF BEING A
VAMPIRE.



WHO
CARES
ABOUT THE
DAMN
RULES?!
LET'S
JUST PIN
SOMETHING
ON HIM
AND DRAG
HIS ASS
OUT!



SO
CLOSE...



I WAS
SO CLOSE
TO DOING
SOMETHING
HORRIBLE!





WAIT.
AREN'T THOSE
THE PHOTOS
TAKEN BY THAT
BLACK MARKET
BLOOD DEALER,
SO HE COULD
EXTORT HIS
CUSTOMERS?

THE
DEALER
NEVER
SAW THE
MAN'S
FACE,
THOUGH.
WHO
KNOWS
WHO
THAT IS?



THESE
CAME
WHILE
WE
WERE
OUT.

WE HAVE
QUITE A FEW
SYMPATHIZERS
IN THE FORCE,
YOU SEE.
SO THEY
PASSED A SET
ON TO ME.



EXCUSE
ME,
TAKEDA-
SAN?



OH,
THERE
ARE
WAYS
TO
TELL...

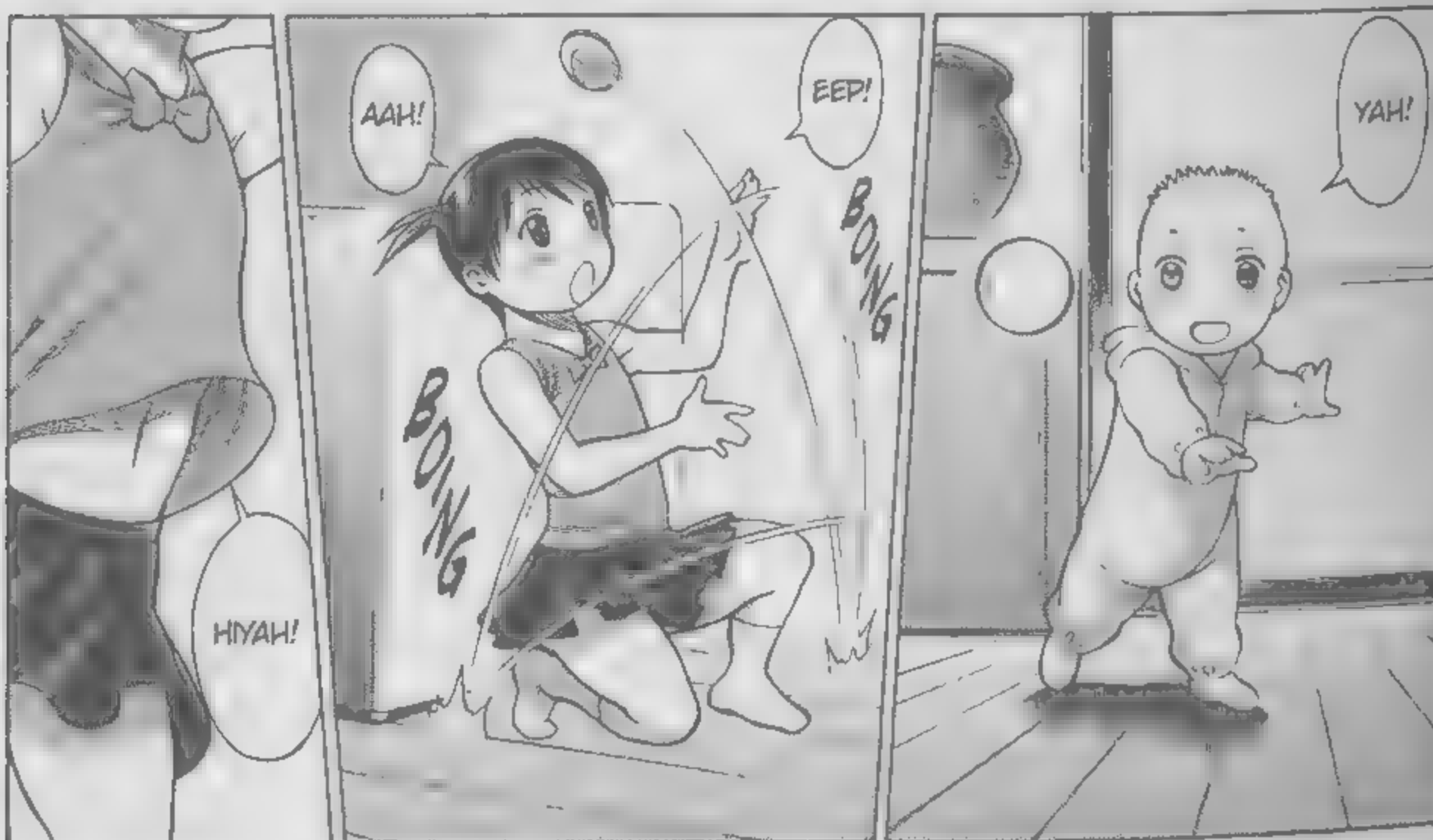
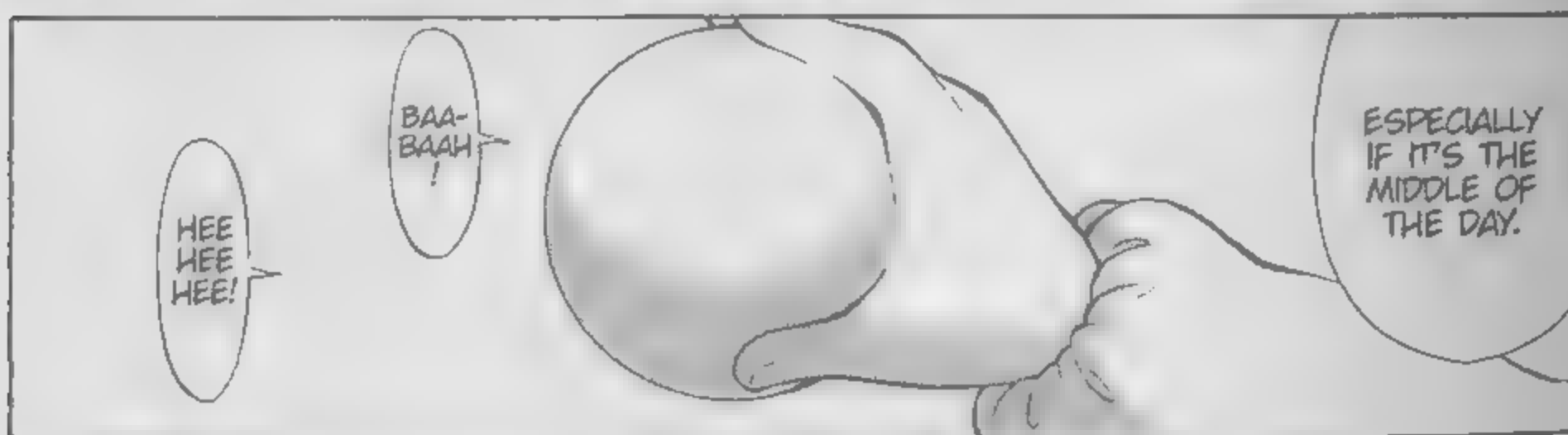
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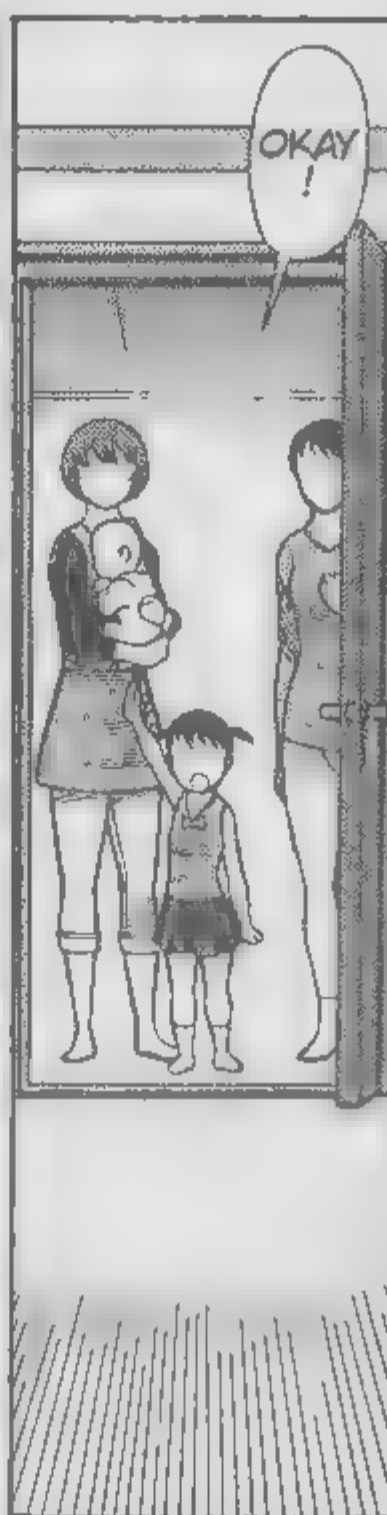


PACK BOTH
YOUR CLOTHES
AND SHOES IN
A BACKPACK,
AND HAVE IT
WHERE YOU
CAN GRAB
IT AT A
MOMENT'S
NOTICE.

TAKE THE
EMPTY BLOOD
PACKETS AND
CUT THEM
INTO SHREDS.
WE'LL BURY
THEM IN
THE YARD.









TAKA-FLIMI-KUN?

.....



NOPE! ONLY HALF.

WAS THAT YOUR BEST?

DO YOU THINK WE COULD DO THAT, TOO?

SO IT'S TRUE THAT VAMPIRES HAVE MORE PHYSICAL STRENGTH THAN HUMANS...



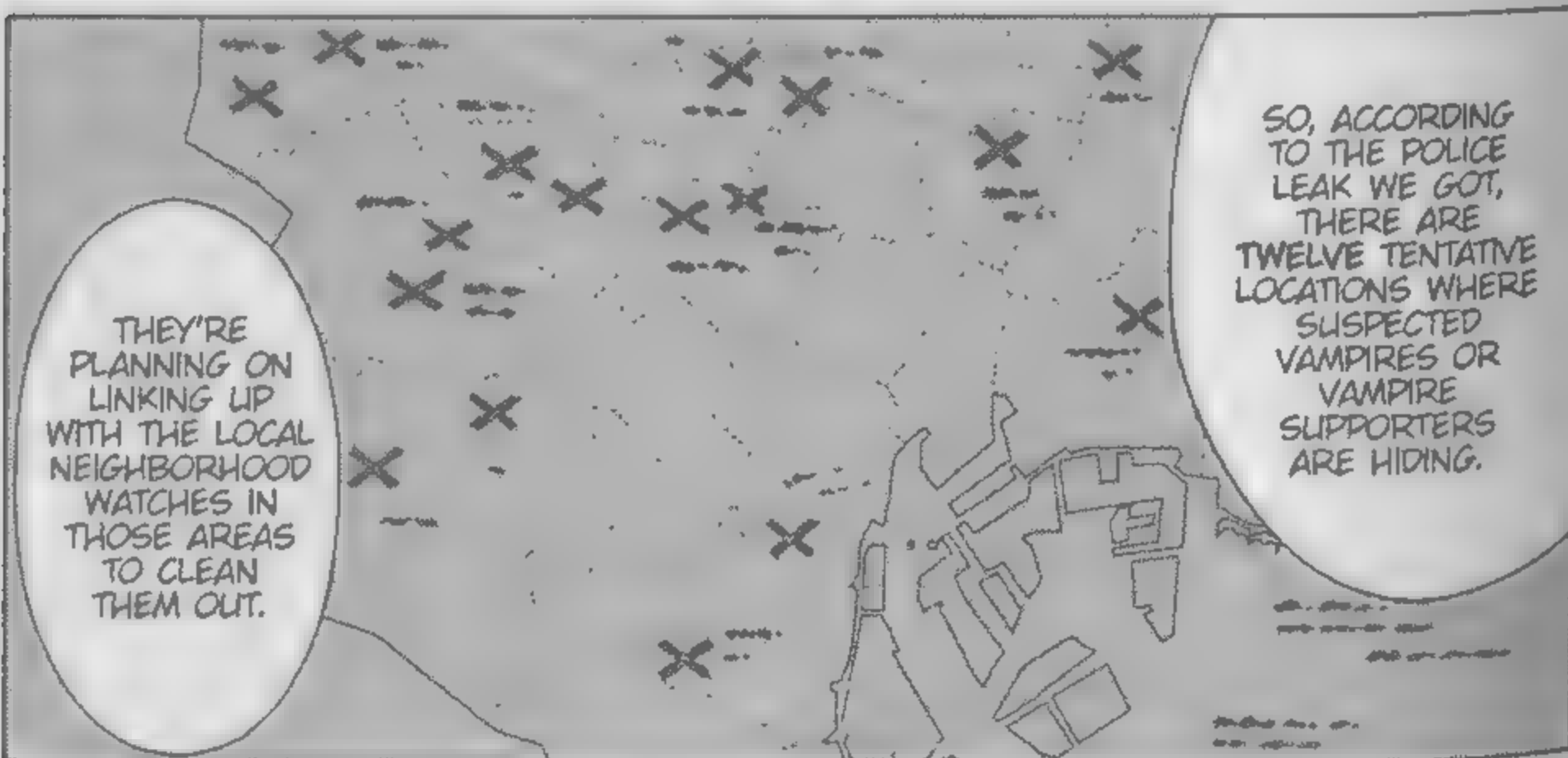
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WOOOW!



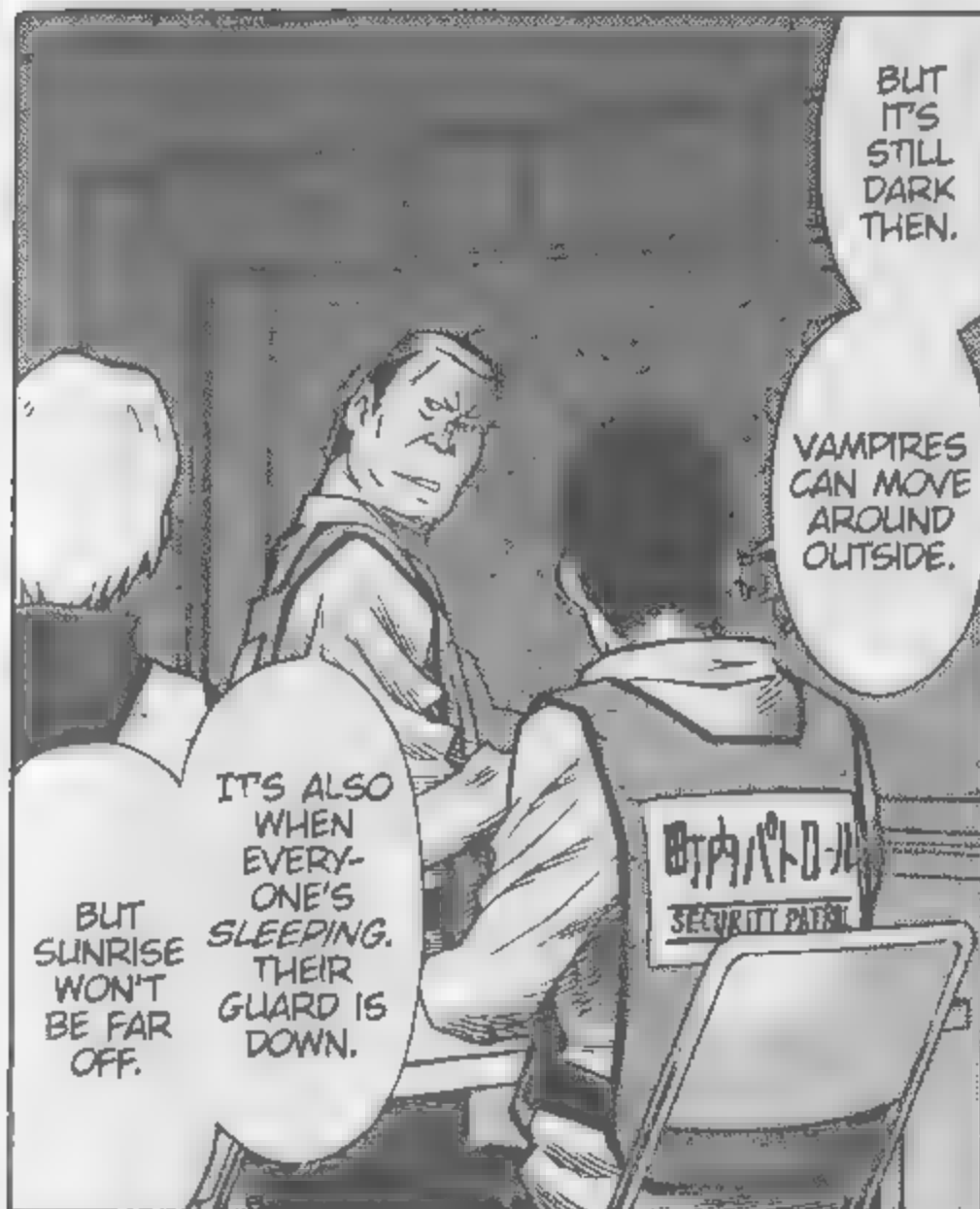
I HAVE AN IDEA FOR A HIDING PLACE.

I THINK WE COULD GET THIS TO WORK AFTER ALL.



THEY'RE PLANNING ON LINKING UP WITH THE LOCAL NEIGHBORHOOD WATCHES IN THOSE AREAS TO CLEAN THEM OUT.

SO, ACCORDING TO THE POLICE LEAK WE GOT, THERE ARE TWELVE TENTATIVE LOCATIONS WHERE SUSPECTED VAMPIRES OR VAMPIRE SUPPORTERS ARE HIDING.



BUT
IT'S
STILL
DARK
THEN.

VAMPIRES
CAN MOVE
AROUND
OUTSIDE.

IT'S ALSO
WHEN
EVERY-
ONE'S
SLEEPING.
THEIR
GUARD IS
DOWN.

BUT
SUNRISE
WON'T
BE FAR
OFF.



THEY'RE
GOING TO
START
TOMORROW
MORNING,
RIGHT
BEFORE
DAWN.



WE
HAVE
THE
PROOF,
RIGHT
HERE.



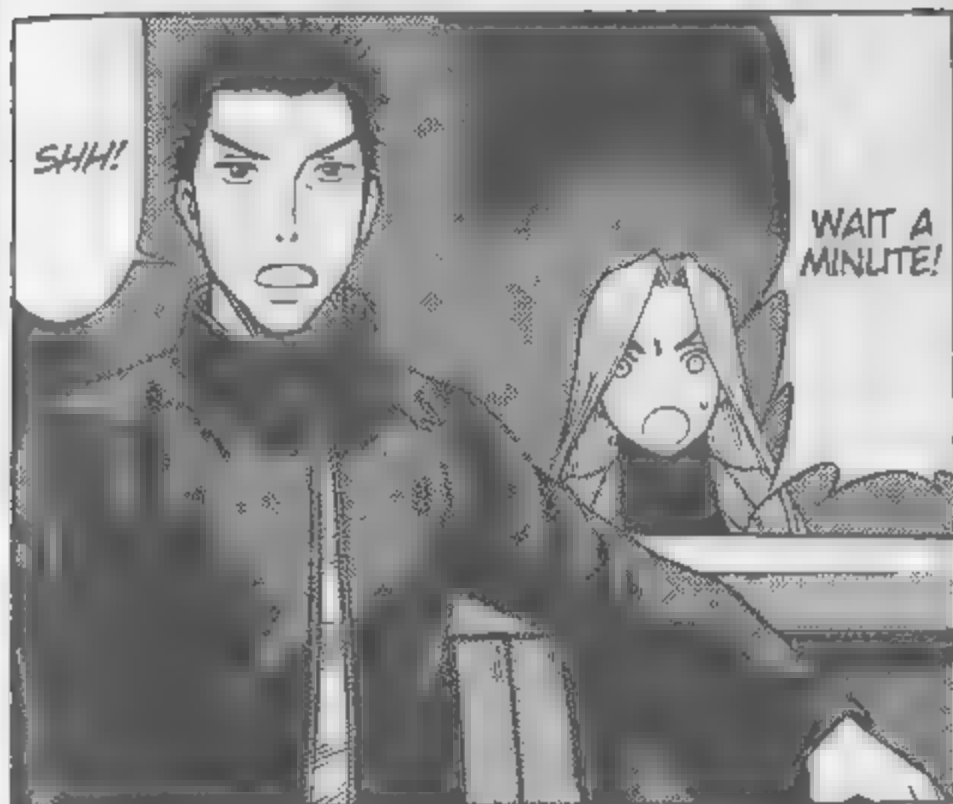
OH,
WE'RE
VERY
SURE.



TAKEDA,
ARE YOU
CERTAIN
?

YOU HAVE
NO DOUBTS
THAT
WATANABE'S
A SUP-
PORTER?





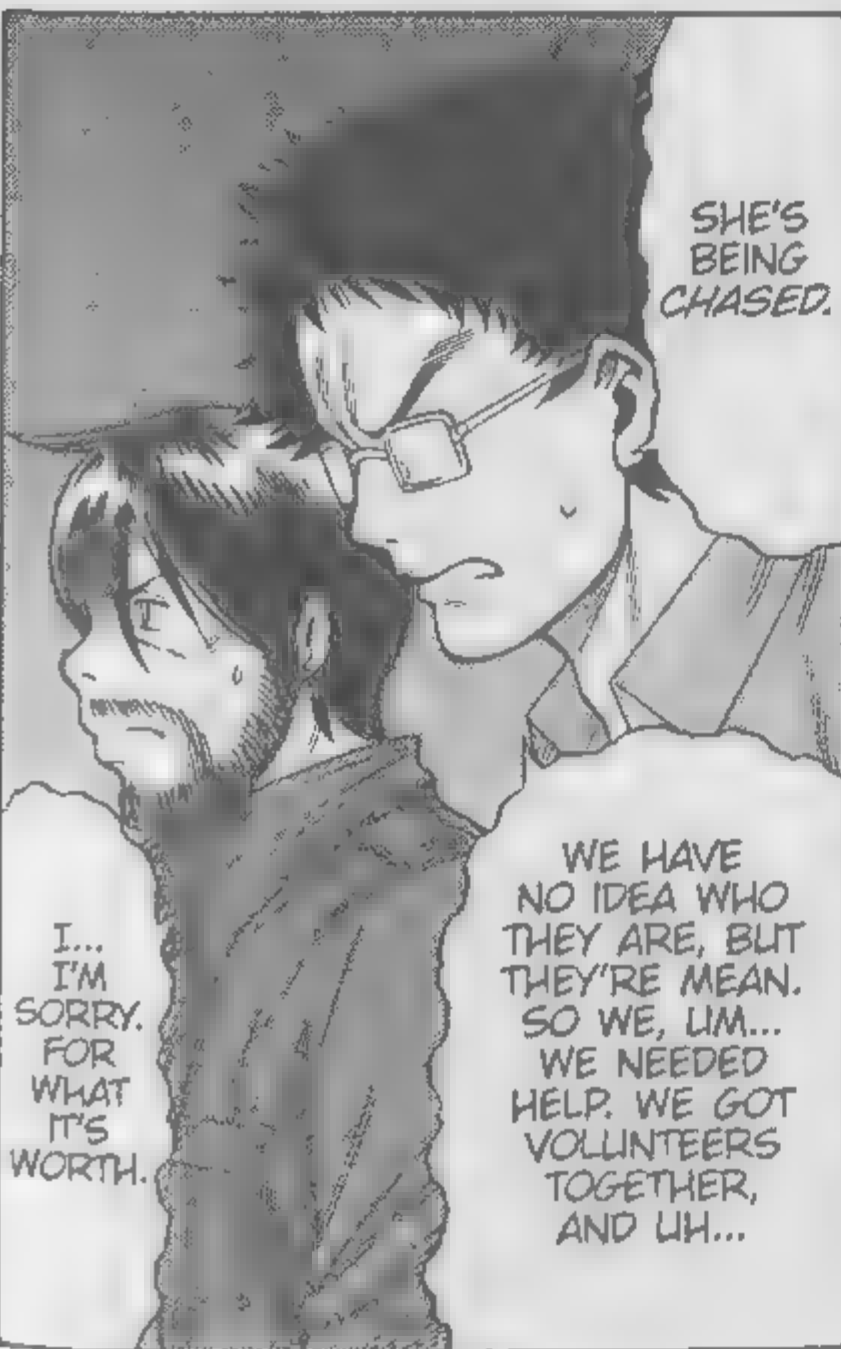
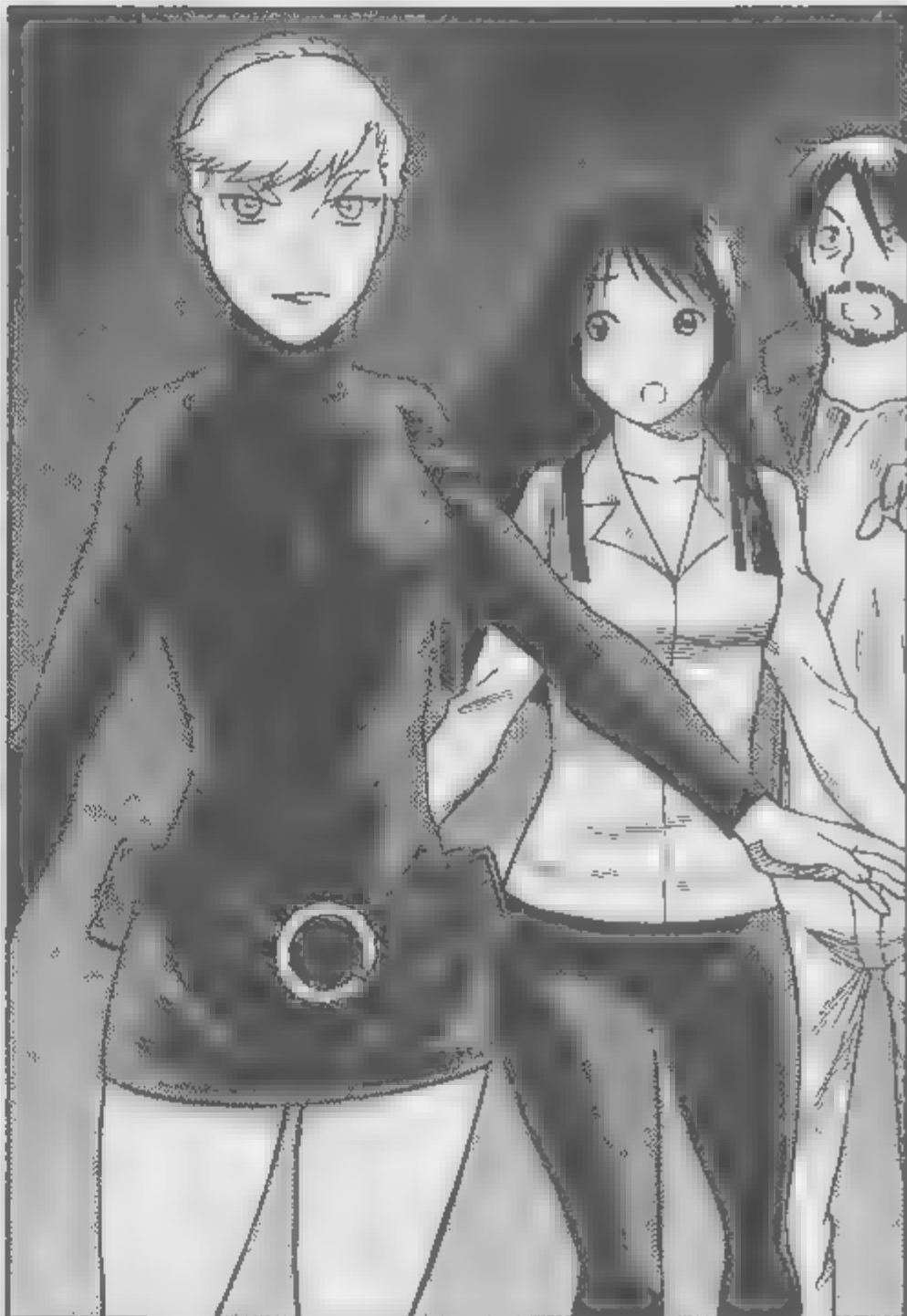




MAKES
SENSE.
SHE'S
DEFINITELY
SOMEBODY
WHO
COULD FIX
EVERY-
THING WITH
A WORD.



MINMEI-CHAN,
ARE THE
VAMPIRES
THAT HAVE
OVERRUN
THE CITY ALL
PART OF
YOUR CLAN?



SHE'S
BEING
CHASED.

I...
I'M
SORRY.
FOR
WHAT
IT'S
WORTH.


WE HAVE
NO IDEA WHO
THEY ARE, BUT
THEY'RE MEAN.
SO WE, UM...
WE NEEDED
HELP. WE GOT
VOLUNTEERS
TOGETHER,
AND UH...



IT'S
NOT
HER
FAULT!

SHE ONLY
EVER BIT
ME AND A
FEW OF
MY FRIENDS,
AND THAT
WAS A LONG
TIME AGO!
BUT, UM,
SHE...

SHE'S
NOT
THE ONE
WHO
STARTED
TURNING
EVERY-
BODY!!



THEN TELL
THEM TO TURN
THEMSELVES
OVER TO THE
JAPANESE
GOVERNMENT!
YOU'RE THEIR
MASTER.
THEY **MUST**
OBEY YOU!

WHAT
THIS
MEANS
IS YOU'RE
THEIR
MASTER,
AND THAT
MAKES
THINGS
SIMPLE.

LEAVE
THE
QUESTION
OF YOUR
GUILT
FOR
LATER.

ORDER
THEM
TO STOP
ATTACKING
THE CITY!




MINMEI-
CHAN!




.....



THE PIED
PIPER,
THAT'S
HOW.



WHAT?!
HOW IS
THAT
POSSIBLE
?



NONE OF
THEM
LISTENED.

IT DOESN'T
WORK. WE ALL
TRIED TELLING
THEM TO STOP,
DOZENS OF
TIMES.

SHE
CAN'T.

MINMEI WAS
ONE OF THE
INFECTED
REFUGEES
BROUGHT TO
THE MAINLAND,
SO THEY COULD
BE EXAMINED.

DON'T
TELL ME
YOU'VE
FORGOT-
TEN.

ON
AND
ON IT
GOES...

AND WHEN
THAT PERSON
BITES
SOMEONE,
IT'S TRANS-
FERRED
AGAIN.

ANYONE SHE
BITES WOULD
GET NOT JUST
THE VAMPIRISM
VIRUS FROM HER,
BUT THE PIED
PIPER TOO.

ARE YOU
SAYING THAT
EVERY SINGLE
VAMPIRE IN
TOKYO RIGHT
NOW IS
INFECTED WITH
THE PIED
PIPER?!

SOMEONE
MANIPU-
LATED
THEM INTO
ATTACKING
THE CITY?!

THEN...

OH
MY
GOD
!

THEN
THAT
MEANS
....!

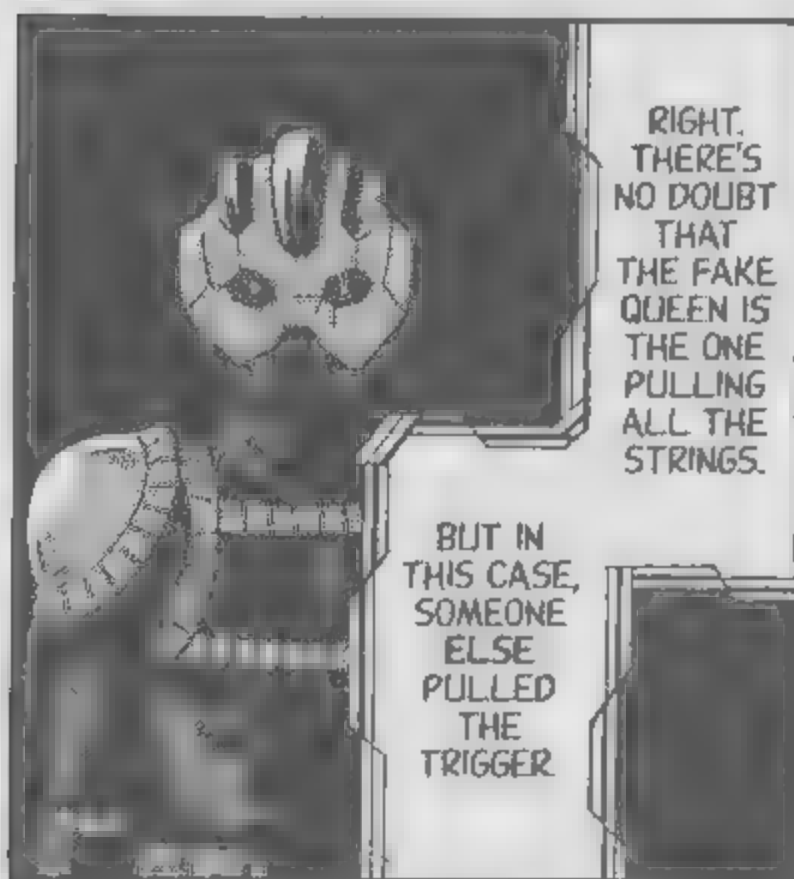


THERE'S ONLY
ONE PERSON
OUT THERE
WHO CAN USE
THE PIED
PIPER AS A
WEAPON.

REAL
SHORT
LIST OF
SUSPECTS
...



AH!



RIGHT,
THERE'S
NO DOUBT
THAT
THE FAKE
QUEEN IS
THE ONE
PULLING
ALL THE
STRINGS.

BUT IN
THIS CASE,
SOMEONE
ELSE
PULLED
THE
TRIGGER



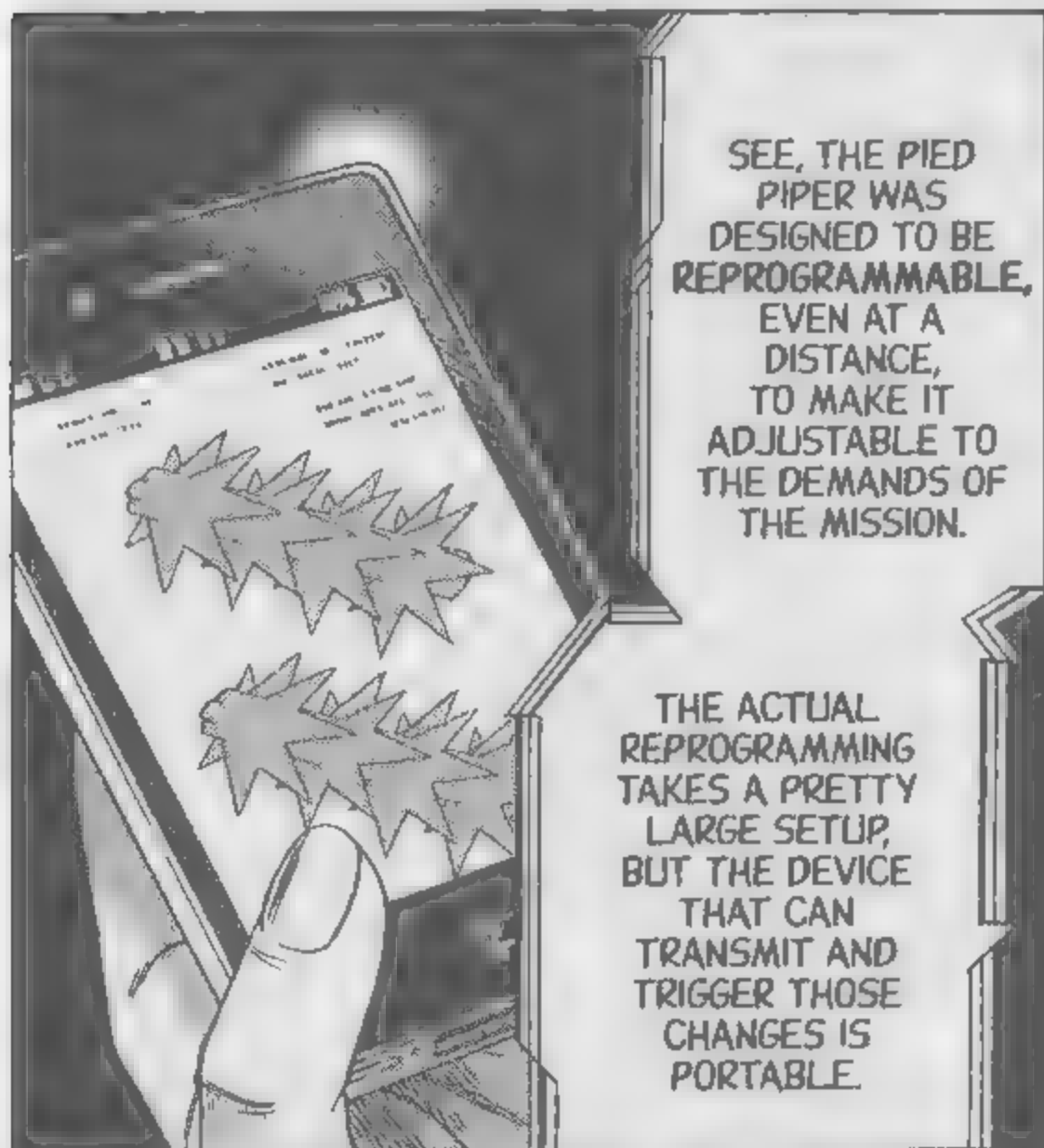
HERE
A PRESENT
FROM MY
BOSS.
HAVE A
LOOK.

WHAT
DO
YOU
MEAN?



I
KNEW
IT!

I
KNEW
SHE
HAD
TO BE
BEHIND
IT ALL!

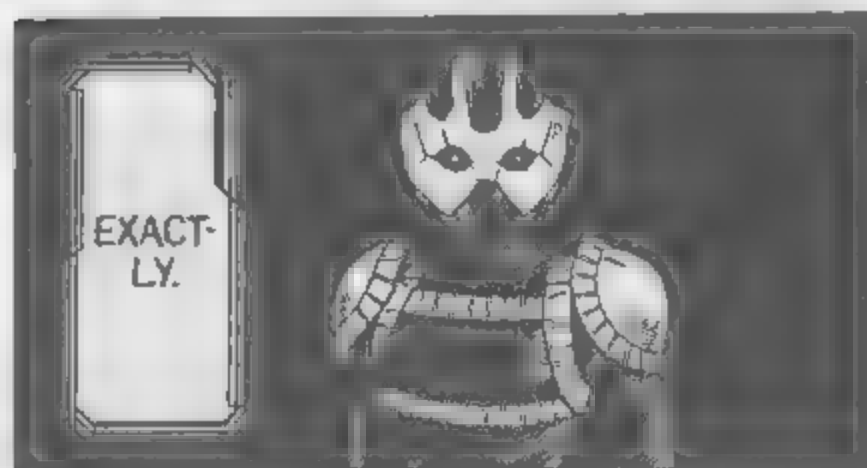


SEE, THE PIED
PIPER WAS
DESIGNED TO BE
REPROGRAMMABLE,
EVEN AT A
DISTANCE,
TO MAKE IT
ADJUSTABLE TO
THE DEMANDS OF
THE MISSION.

THE ACTUAL
REPROGRAMMING
TAKES A PRETTY
LARGE SETUP,
BUT THE DEVICE
THAT CAN
TRANSMIT AND
TRIGGER THOSE
CHANGES IS
PORTABLE.



IT'S A
TOP
SECRET
FILE
FROM THE
PIED
PIPER'S
DEVELOP-
MENT.

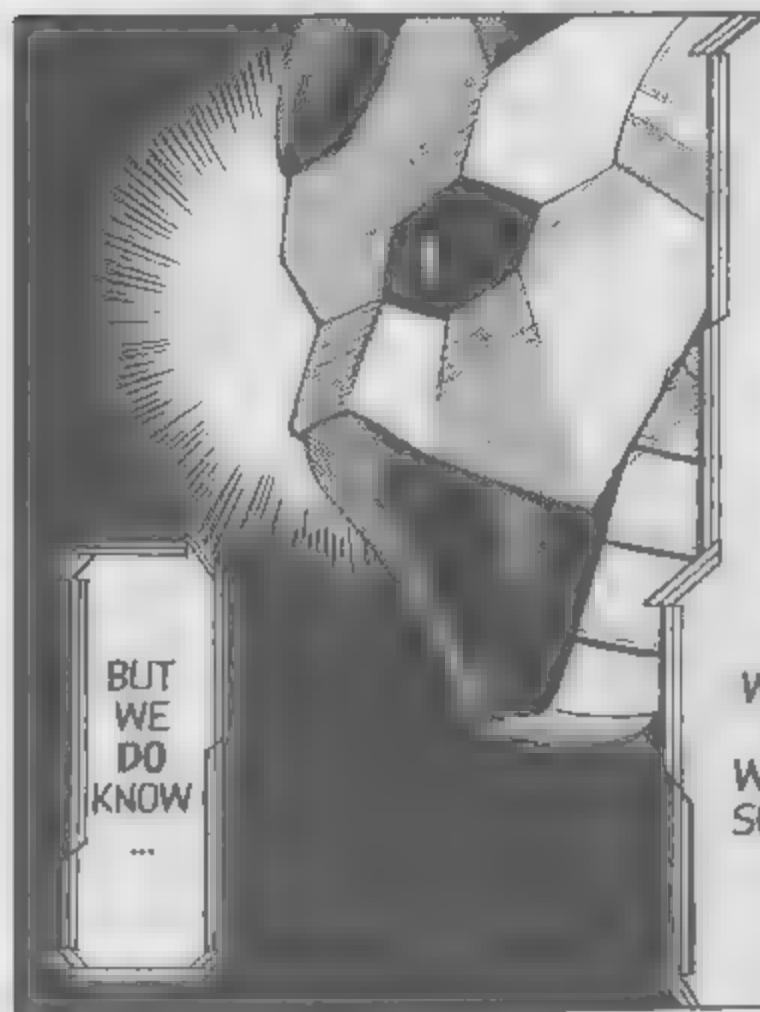


EXACT-
LY.

SO
WHOEVER
HOLDS
THAT
DEVICE IS
THE ONE
WHO
STARTED
ALL
THIS?



PORT-
ABLE?



BUT
WE
DO
KNOW
...

MY BOSS HAS
NO IDEA,
UNFORTUNATELY.
ALL WE KNOW
IS THAT THE
DEVICE WAS
PASSED INTO
THE HANDS OF
ANOTHER.

WE DON'T
KNOW
WHO THAT
SOMEBODY
IS.



SO
WHO IS IT,
EH?
I BET
YOUR
BOSS
KNOWS.

AFTER ALL,
TO KNOW
ANY OF THIS,
HE HAS TO BE
SOMEBODY IN
A POSITION TO
ACCESS THE
BLIND'S TOP
SECRET FILES.

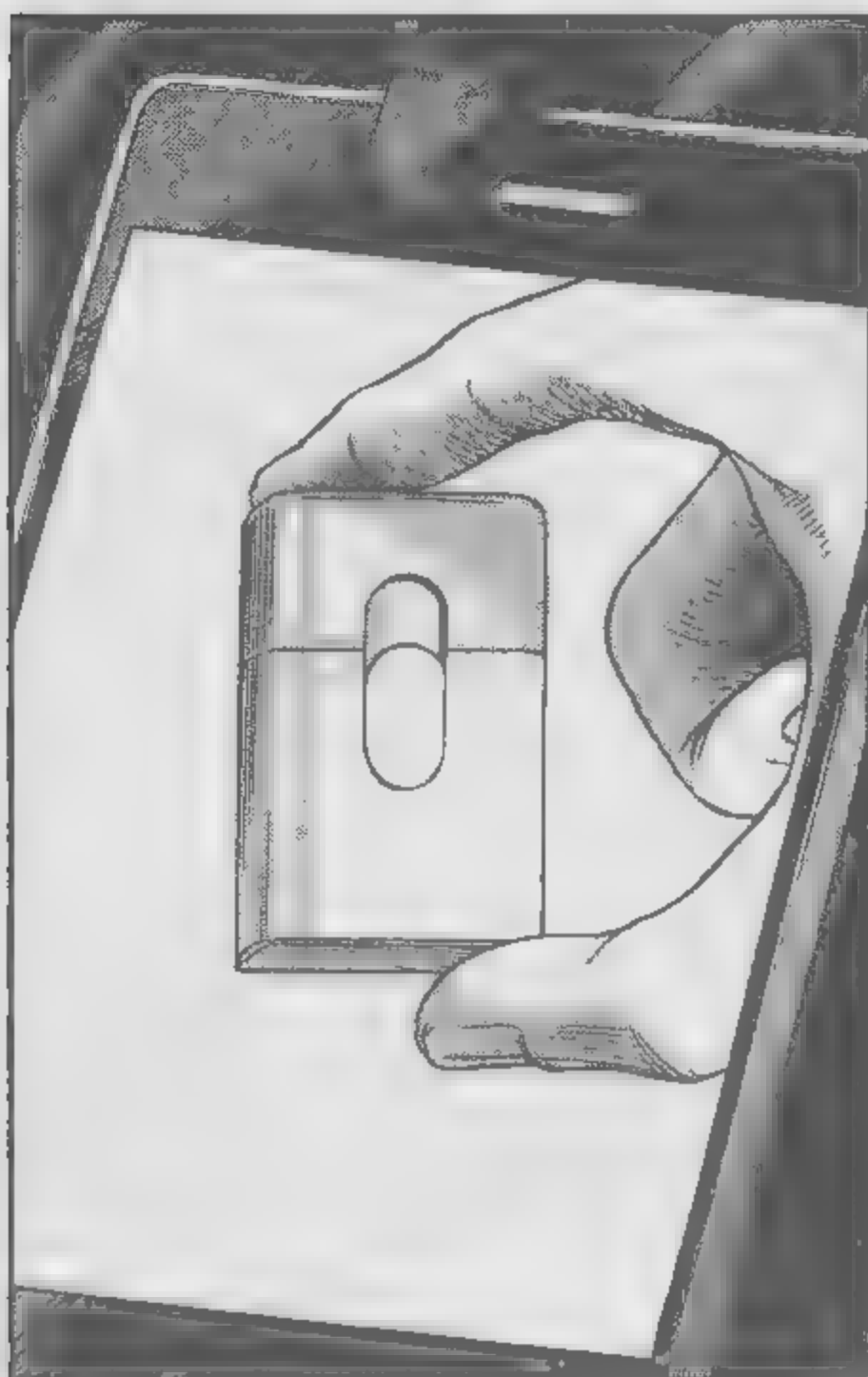


WHOEVER
IT WAS,
THEY ARE
HUMAN.



A HUMAN
PLUNGED
HIS OWN
KIND
INTO THIS
HELL?

HUMAN
?



I DON'T
KNOW HOW
MUCH
THIS'LL HELP,
BUT WE
HAVE A
PHOTO OF
THE DEVICE.

IT WAS
TAKEN
DURING THE
ASSEMBLY
OF THE
PROTOTYPE.





I'VE
SEEN
THAT!!

OH
MY
GOD!



WHERE
?!

!



ALL OF
YOU,
GET
OVER
HERE!
NOW!!

WSH

!

GLANCE

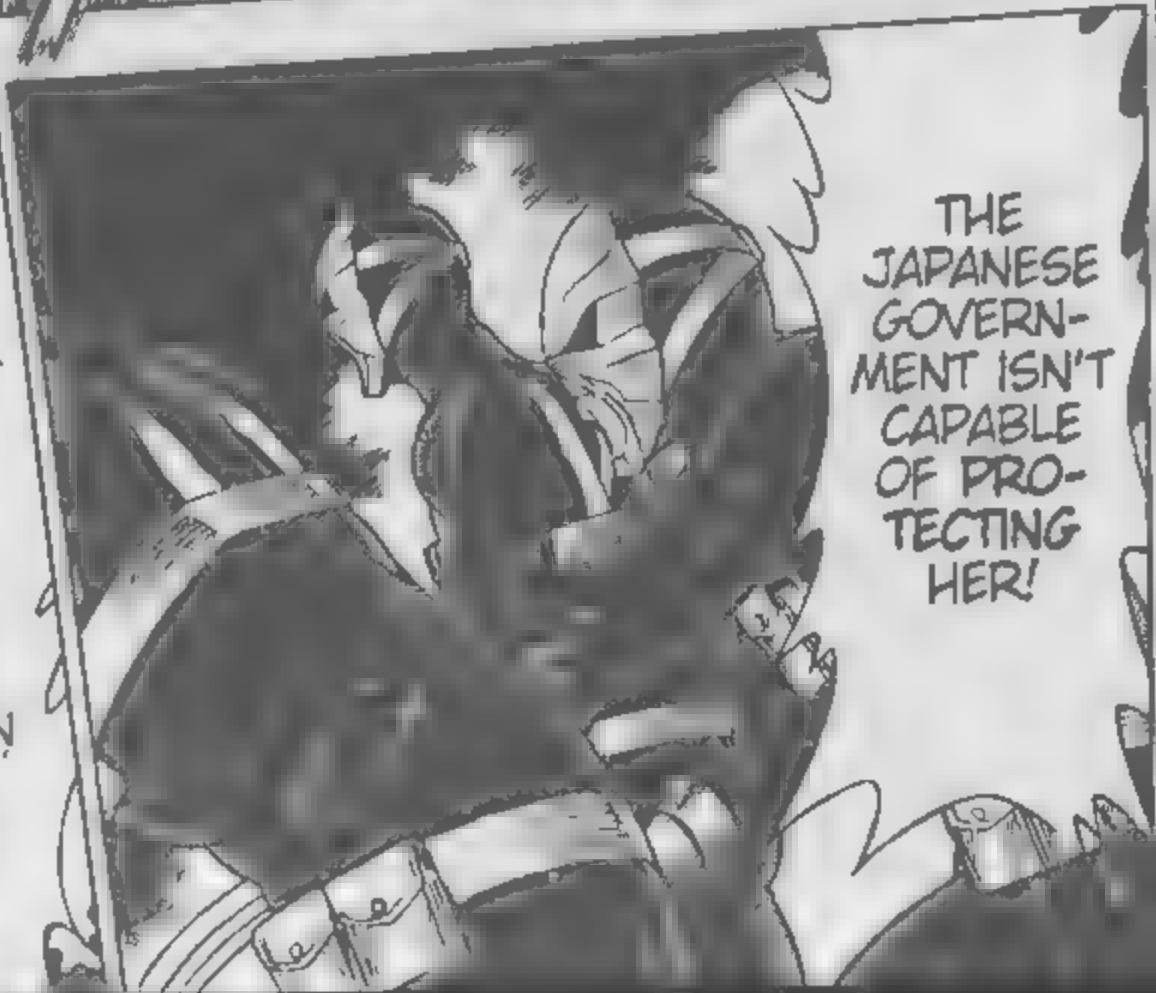




WHAT THE HELL...? HOW DID THEY FIND US?!



GET THE GIRL AND GOTOH-SAN INTO THE CAR, AND GO!!



THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT ISN'T CAPABLE OF PROTECTING HER!



COUN-
CILOR
RYUL?!



WHO
IS
HE?

THAT
GLY'S
SECOND-
IN-
COMMAND
TO LI
HIMSELF!

DAMN,
WE SURE
GOT THE
ATTENTION
OF A BIG
FISH!

MISSY
...



JUST
WHO
THE
HELL
ARE
YOU?!



请您回到
故国去。

<I ASK YOU
TO RETURN
TO YOUR
COUNTRY.>

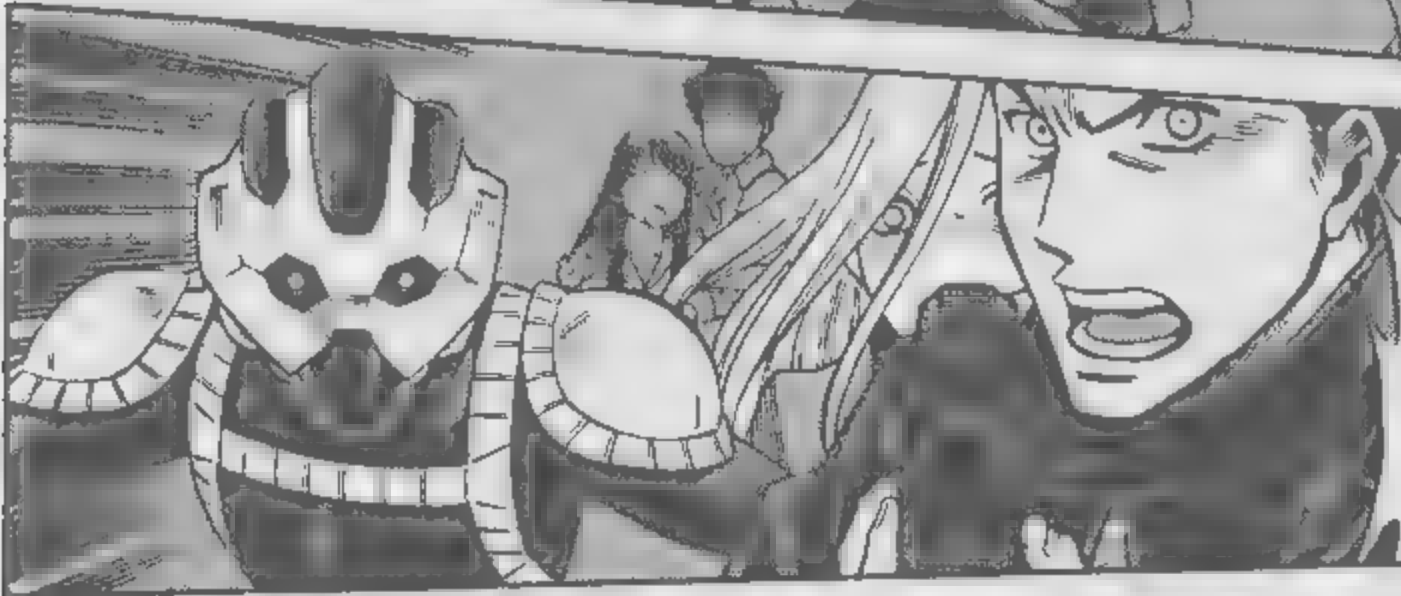
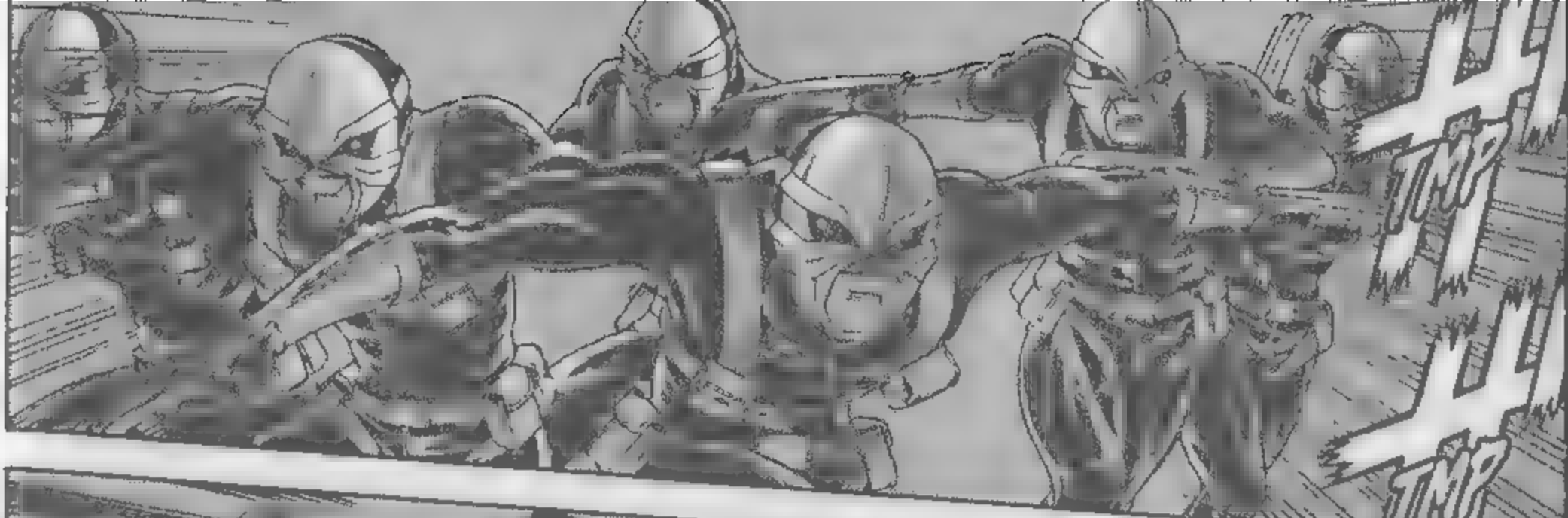
您的兄长
在等候您。

<YOUR
BROTHER IS
AWAITING
YOUR
ARRIVAL.>



公主殿下
<YOUR
HIGH-
NESS.>





EVERY-
BODY,
GET
BACK!



THEY
MUST
NOT GET
THEIR
HANDS
ON HER.
DO YOU
UNDER-
STAND
ME?!

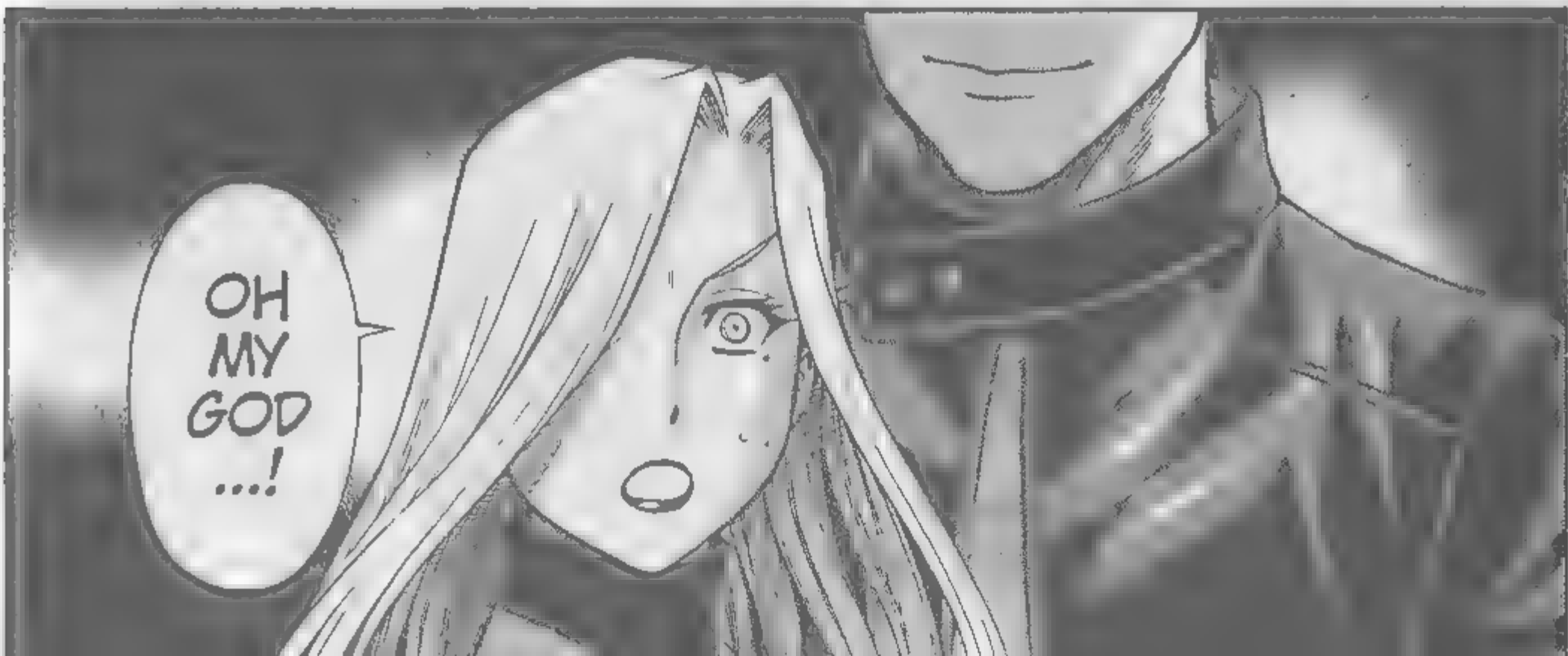
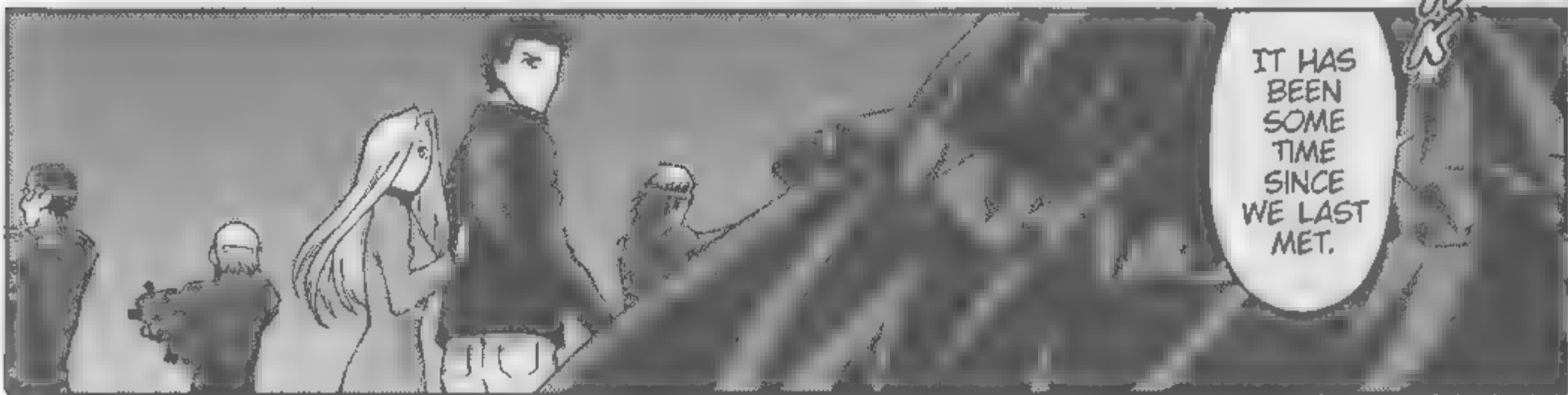
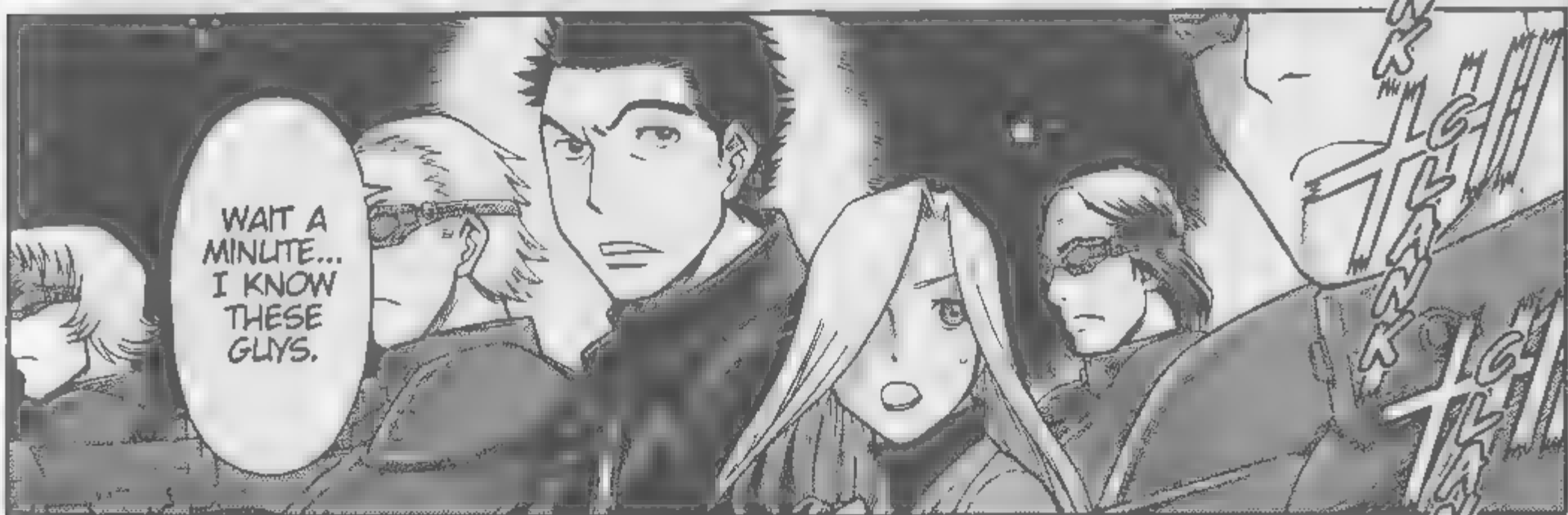
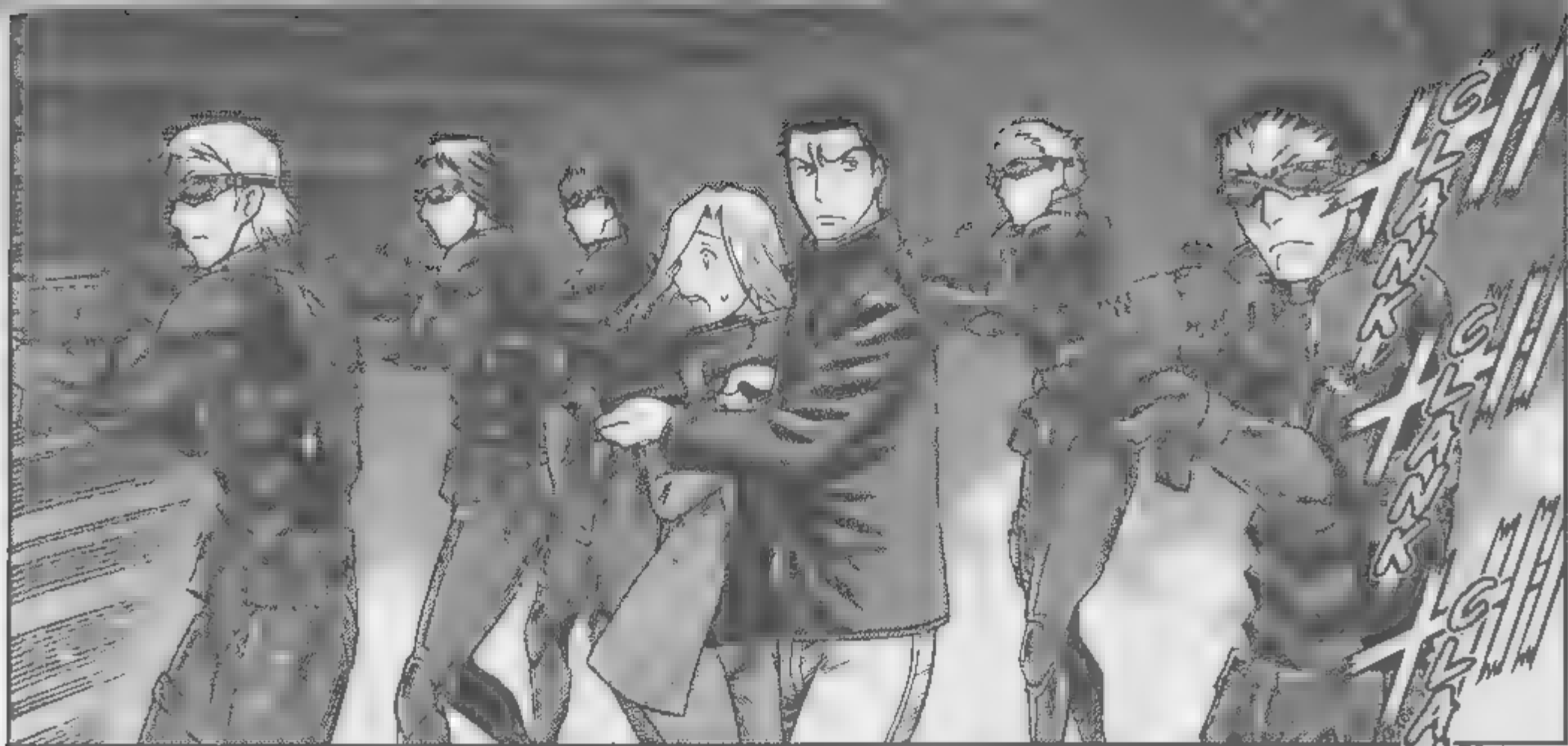


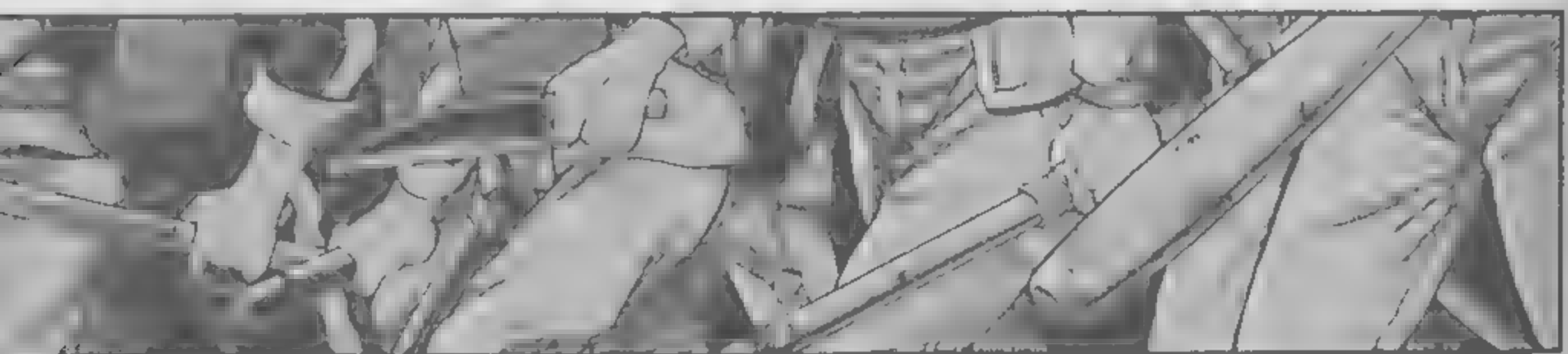
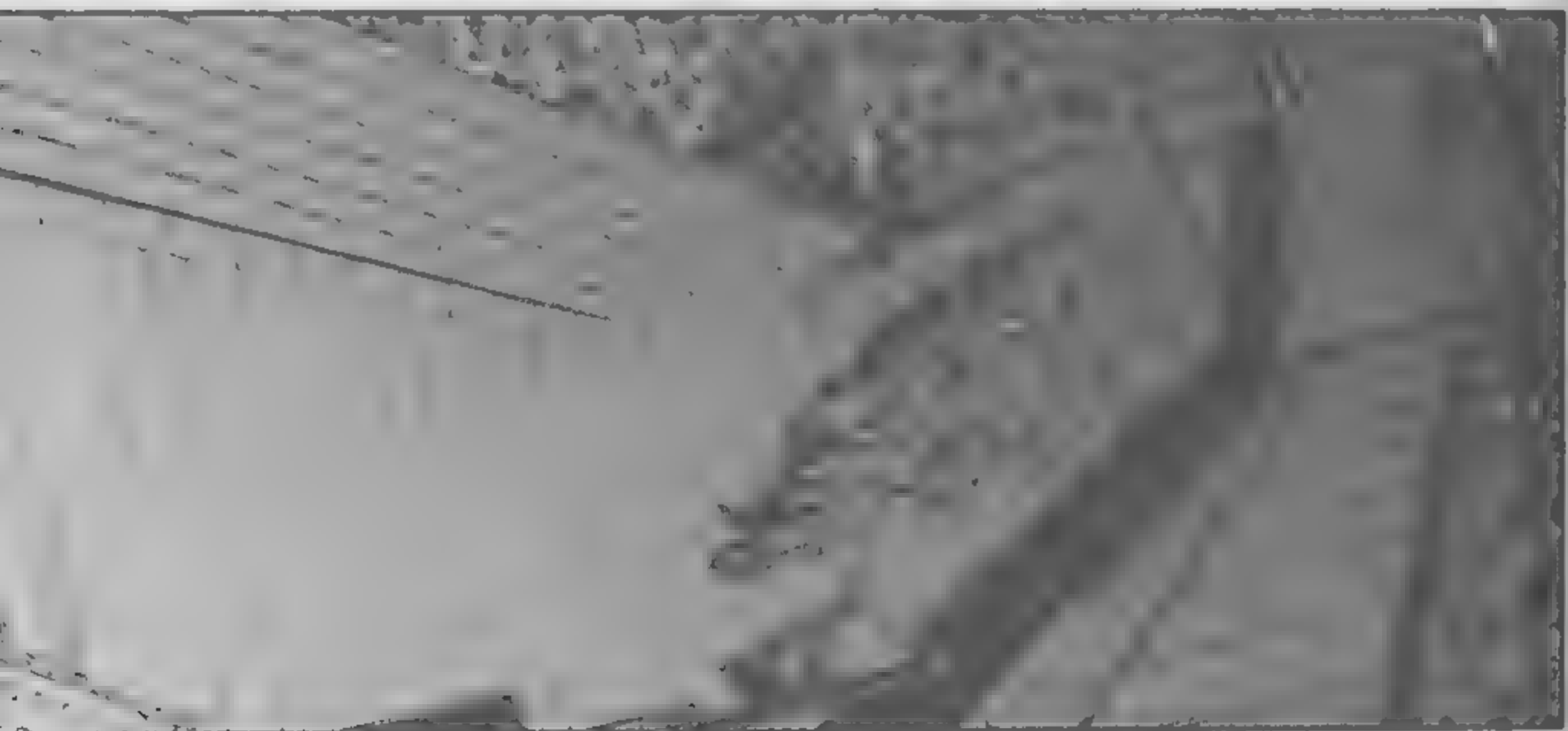
TATI-
ANNA-
ONEE-
CHAN
?!

MINMEI,
STAY
WITH ME!













WHAT?!
DO YOU
GUYS
HAVE
ANY IDEA
WHAT
TIME
IT IS?!



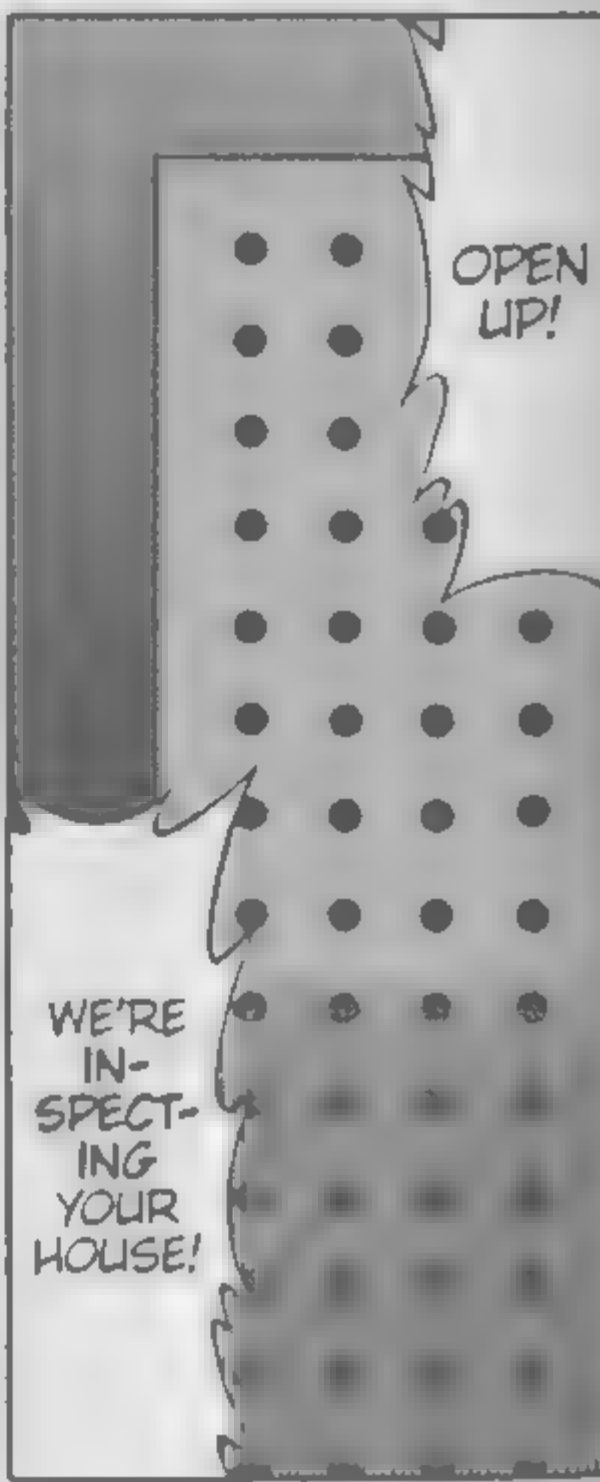
WHEW



WHA
?!

HELL
NO!
WHAT
RIGHT
DO YOU
HAVE TO
INSPECT
ANY-
THING?!

LIKE
THAT
CRAP
MATTERS
AT A
TIME LIKE
THIS!
OPEN
UP, OR
ELSE!!



OPEN
UP!

WE'RE
IN-
SPECT-
ING
YOUR
HOUSE!











WHAT?!
PROVE
IT!



THE
HELL
YOU
ARE!

YOU'RE A
DAMN
VAMPIRE
SUPPORTER!
A TRAITOR
TO YOUR
OWN
RACE!!



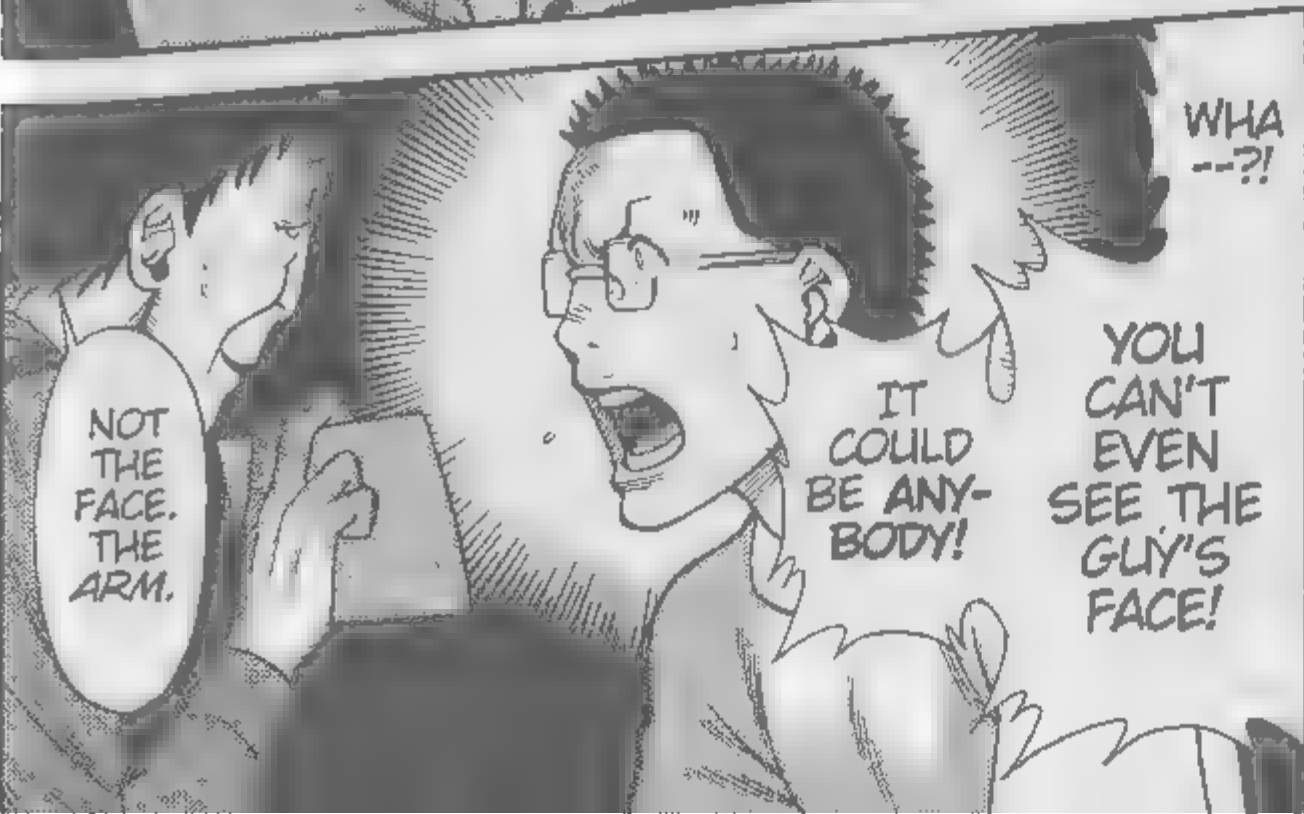
WHAT
THE
HELL IS
WITH
THIS
TREAT-
MENT,
EH?!

I'M A
REGULAR,
HUMAN
CITIZEN,
JUST LIKE
YOU!



THAT'S
YOU,
ISN'T
IT?

TAKE A
LOOK AT
THIS
PICTURE.



NOT
THE
FACE.
THE
ARM.

IT
COULD
BE ANY-
BODY!

YOU
CAN'T
EVEN
SEE THE
GUY'S
FACE!

WHA
--?!



WATA-
NABE-
SAN.

TRUE.

BUT WHO
CARES
ABOUT
PROOF?

W-
WAIT!
WHOA!

HOLD
ON!!

YOU
LOVED
FLAUNT-
ING ALL
YOUR
NEW
WEALTH,
DIDN'T
YOU?

THAT
WATCH
...

IT'S A
FRANCK
MULLER
DOUBLE
FACE,
ISN'T IT?

THAT
ISN'T
ME!

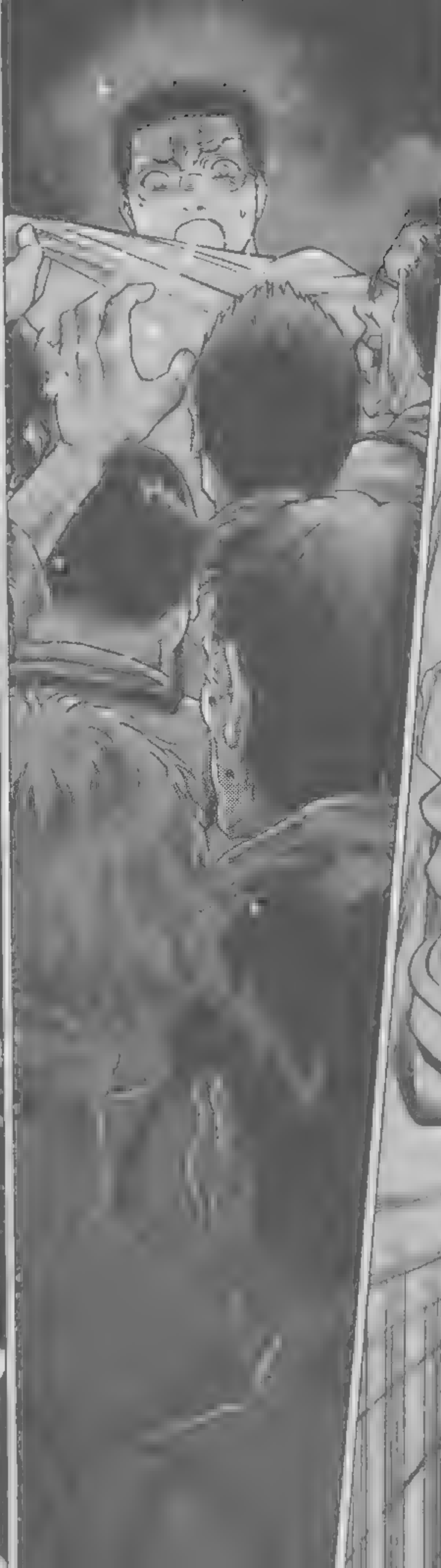
WELL,
NOW IT
LOOKS
LIKE
THAT'S
COME
BACK
TO BITE
YOU.

THAT'S
WHY I
WARNED
YOU TO BE
A LITTLE
MORE...
GENEROUS
WITH IT.

JUST
LIKE
THE ONE
YOU
HAVE.

WE
DON'T.

THIS
PHOTO
PROVES
NOTHING
!!



BAM!

OPEN
UP, YOU
VAMPIRE
SLUT!!

TAKA-
FUMI-
KUN?!

CAAAH

BAM!

OPEN
UP, OR
WE'LL
BREAK
IT
DOWN!!

TAKA-
FUMI-
KUN!!

CAAAH





Chapter 79: At Tel Meggido

DO YOU
THINK
WE CAN
GET IN
THROUGH
THE
WINDOW?

YOU'VE
GOT IT
ALL
WRONG!

STAKE
THE
VAMPIRE
BASTARD
!!

STAKE
'IM!!

KILL
HIM
!!

NO,
DAM-
MIT!

THE
STORM
DOORS
ARE
FREAKING
METAL
HUTTERS!
WE'D NEED
A DAMN
BLOW
TORCH!!

I'M
NOT A
VAMPIRE!!
I'M
NOT!!

W
A
I
T
!

ROT IN
HELL,
YOU
FILTHY
BLOOD-
SUCKER
!!





HURRY
UP AND
LEAVE!!

HURRY
UP!

DAMN
IT...

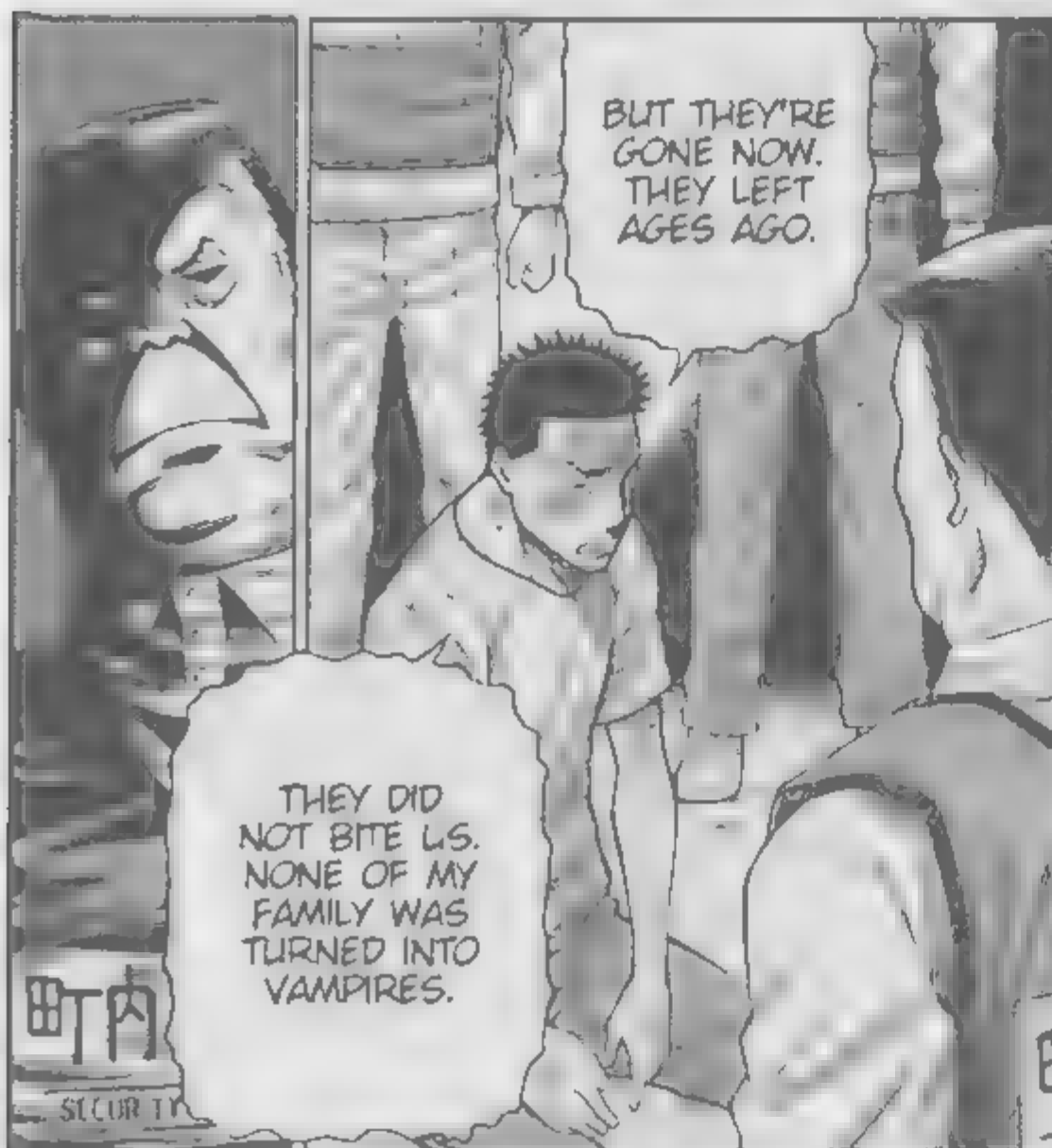


I'LL
TELL THE
TRUTH...

I
CON-
FESS.

OKAY,
OKAY...

I'LL
ADMIT
IT...



BUT THEY'RE
GONE NOW.
THEY LEFT
AGES AGO.

THEY DID
NOT BITE US.
NONE OF MY
FAMILY WAS
TURNED INTO
VAMPIRES.



YES,
WE DID
SHELTER
VAMPIRES.

THEY
HAD BEEN
OUR
NEXT
DOOR
NEIGH-
BORS.

町内

SECURITY



WAIT A MINUTE!
I TOLD
YOU
THAT WE
WEREN'T
BITTEN!!



THIS
TRAITOR
JUST
ADMITTED
THAT
THEY'RE
ALL
VAMPIRES!



HEY!
HAVEN'T
YOU
GOT
THAT
OPEN
YET?!

HURRY
UP AND
DRAG
THAT
WOMAN
OUT
HERE!



THERE'S
SOME
NEW
CREAM
STUFF
THAT
MAKES IT
SO YOU
DON'T
DIE FROM
THE SUN,
EVER!

OH,
BUT
WE'VE
FOUND
OUT
YOUR
SECRET!

THAT'S
JUST AN
INTERNET
RUMOR!
DON'T TELL
ME YOU
BELIEVE
THAT
CRAP!!



DO YOU
SEE ANY
BITE
MARKS
HERE?!

LOOK!!

I WENT ON
PATROL IN
BROAD
DAYLIGHT
WITH YOU,
HOW MANY
TIMES?!
NO VAMPIRE
COULD DO
THAT!!



YOU
WERE IN
THE SAME
ROOM AS
A VAMPIRE!
THERE IS
NO WAY
YOU
WEREN'T
BITTEN!!



YOU
BAS-
TARD
!!

YOU
LAY
ONE
HAND
ON
RYO-
TARO,
AND
I'LL
KILL
YOU!!

CRACK



YOU AND
YOUR
WHORE,
AND
YOUR
BRAT!!

WE'LL FIND
OUT ONE
WAY OR
ANOTHER,
WHEN WE
STAKE YOU
THROUGH
THE
HEART!

WE'LL
LINE UP
ALL
THREE
OF YOU
ON THE
STREET,
NICE AND
PRETTY!







BECAUSE
YOU LAZY,
GOOD-
FOR-
NOTHING
LEECHES
CAN'T BE
BOTHERED
TO DO IT!

WHAT
WE'RE
DOING?
WE ARE
KEEPING
THE
PEACE
IN OUR
TOWN,
THAT'S
WHAT!



YOU
PEOPLE
...

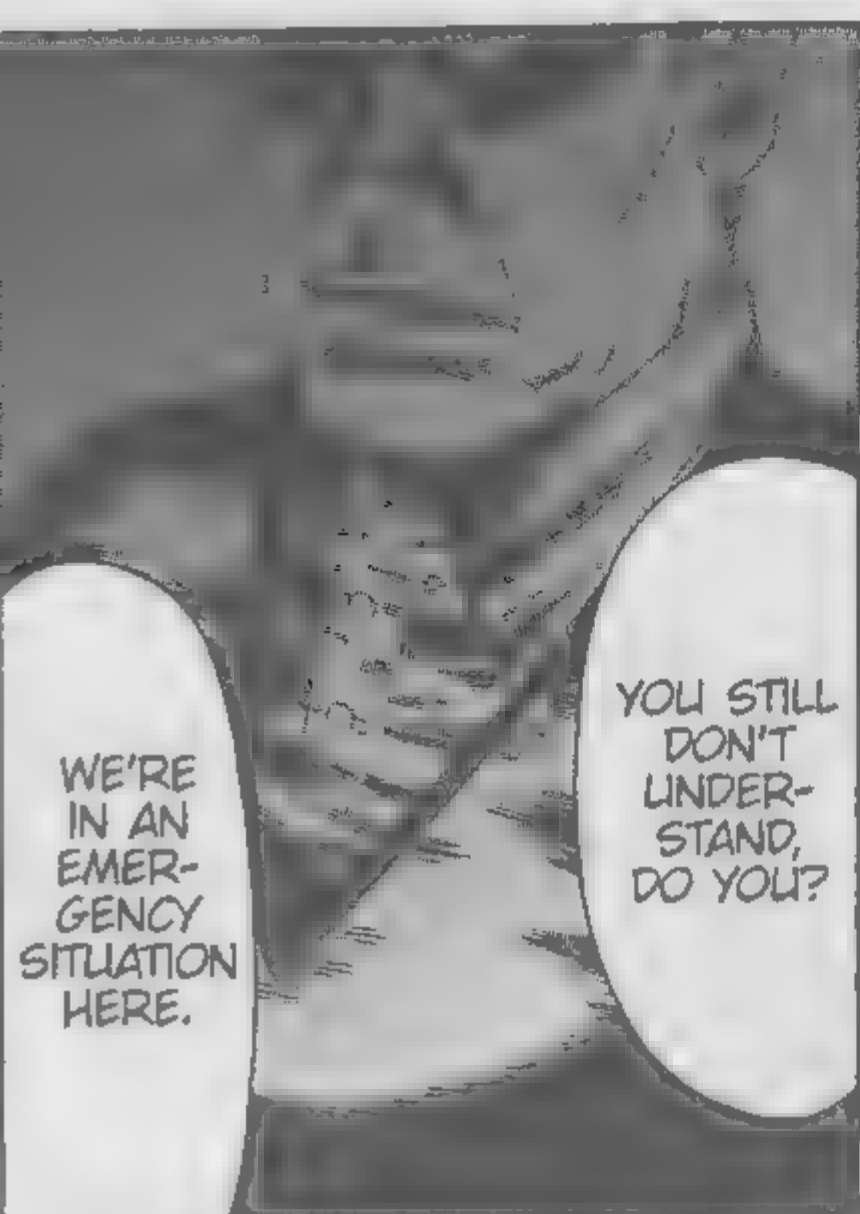
DO YOU
HAVE
ANY IDEA
WHAT
YOU'RE
DOING?!

GOOD
GOD!



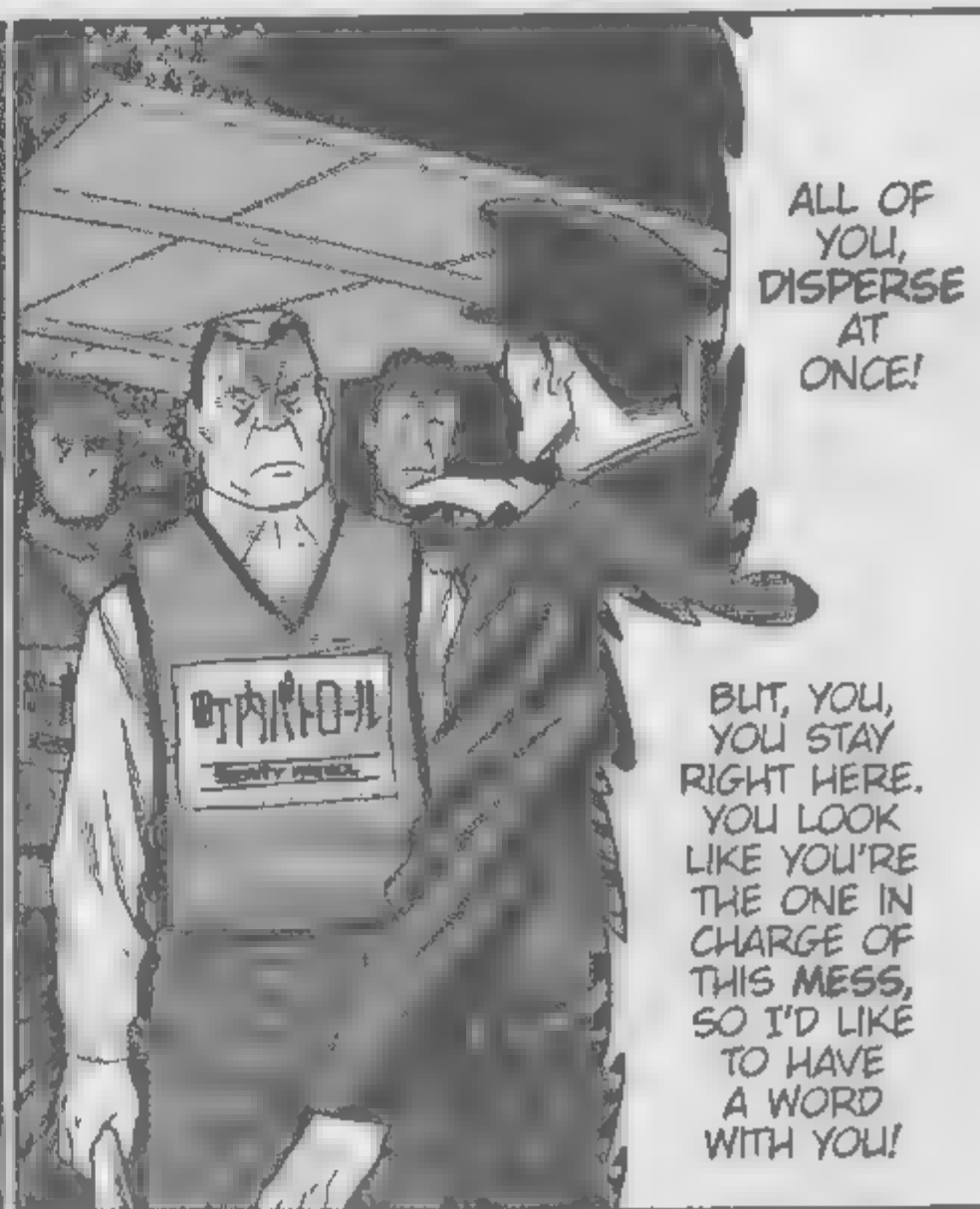
THIS
IS A
LYNCH
MOB!

THIS ISN'T
PROTECT-
ING ANY
PEACE...



WE'RE
IN AN
EMER-
GENCY
SITUATION
HERE.

YOU STILL
DON'T
UNDER-
STAND,
DO YOU?



ALL OF
YOU,
DISPERSE
AT
ONCE!

BUT, YOU,
YOU STAY
RIGHT HERE.
YOU LOOK
LIKE YOU'RE
THE ONE IN
CHARGE OF
THIS MESS,
SO I'D LIKE
TO HAVE
A WORD
WITH YOU!

STAY
BACK
!!

!
"THERE WILL
BE THOSE
WHO OPPOSE
THIS. THESE
SELFISH PEOPLE
SEEK ONLY
PERSONAL
GAIN..."

"AND
WHATEVER
BEFALLS
THEM
IS THEIR
OWN
FAULT."

"IT IS
THE DUTY
OF ALL
CITIZENS
TO BAND
TOGETHER
AND
FACE IT."

"DISASTER
HAS
FALLEN
UPON
OUR
FAIR
CITY."

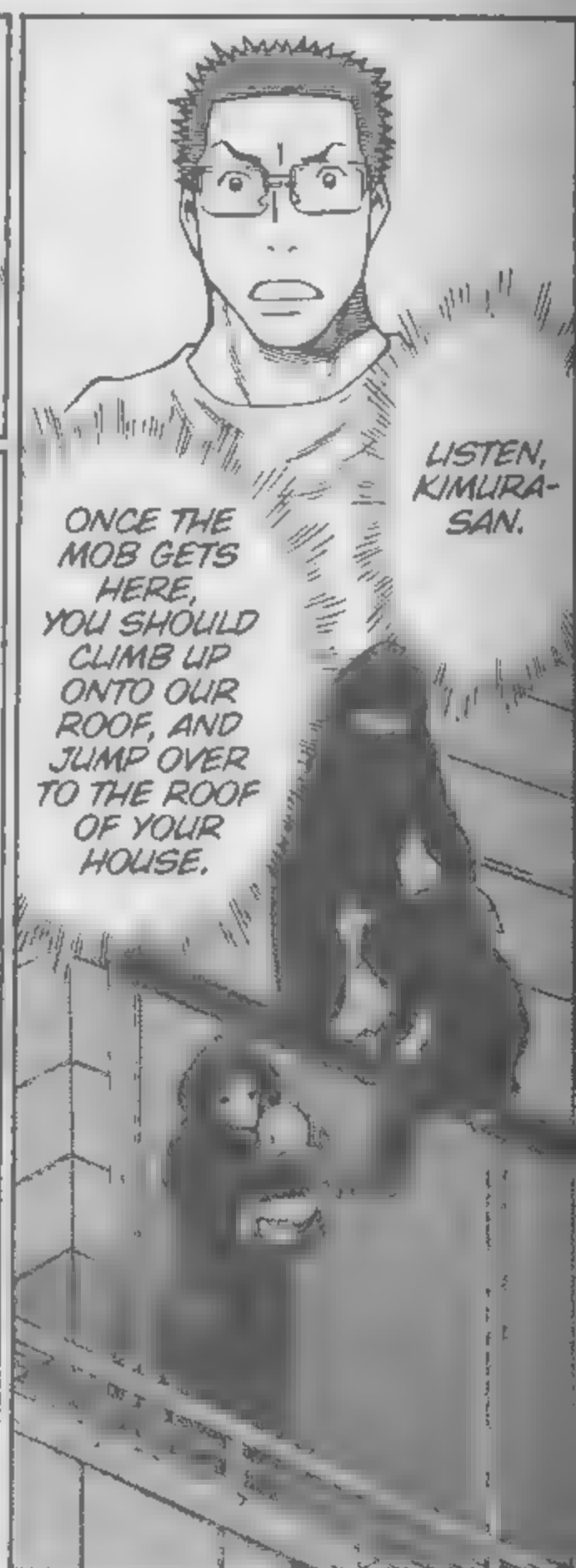
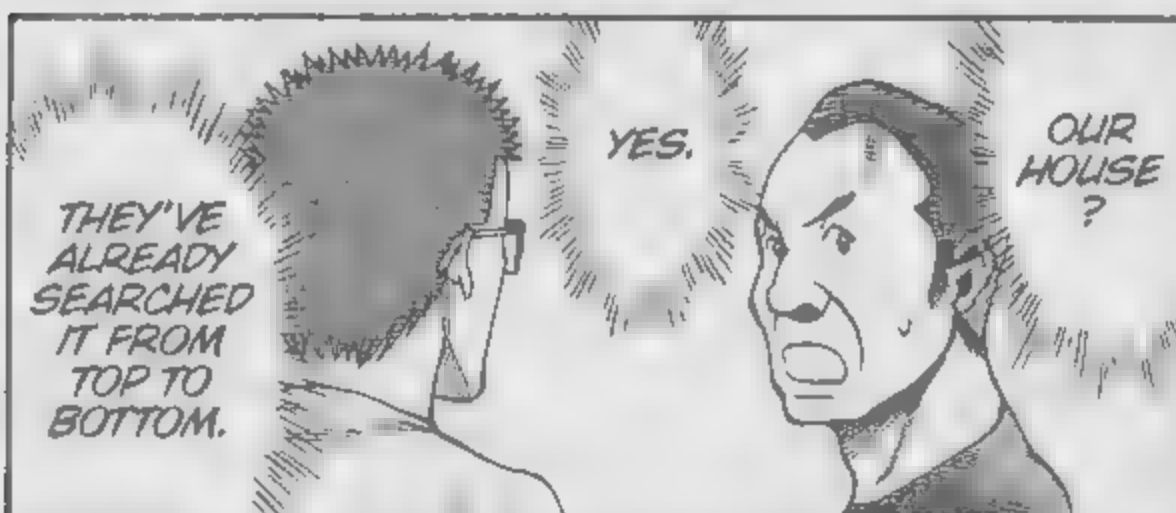
SKCH

STAY
BACK
!!

THIS IS
YOUR
LAST
WARNING!

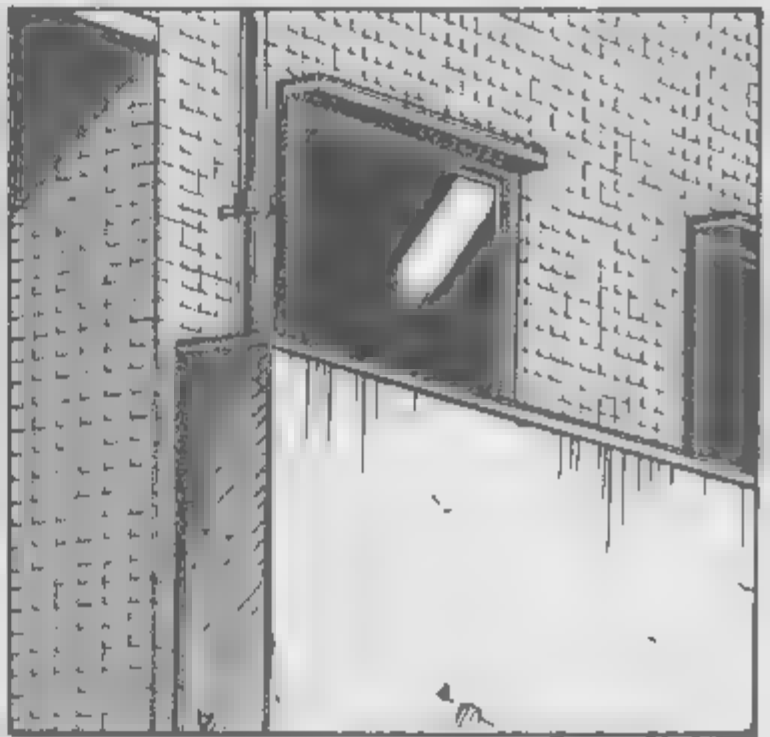
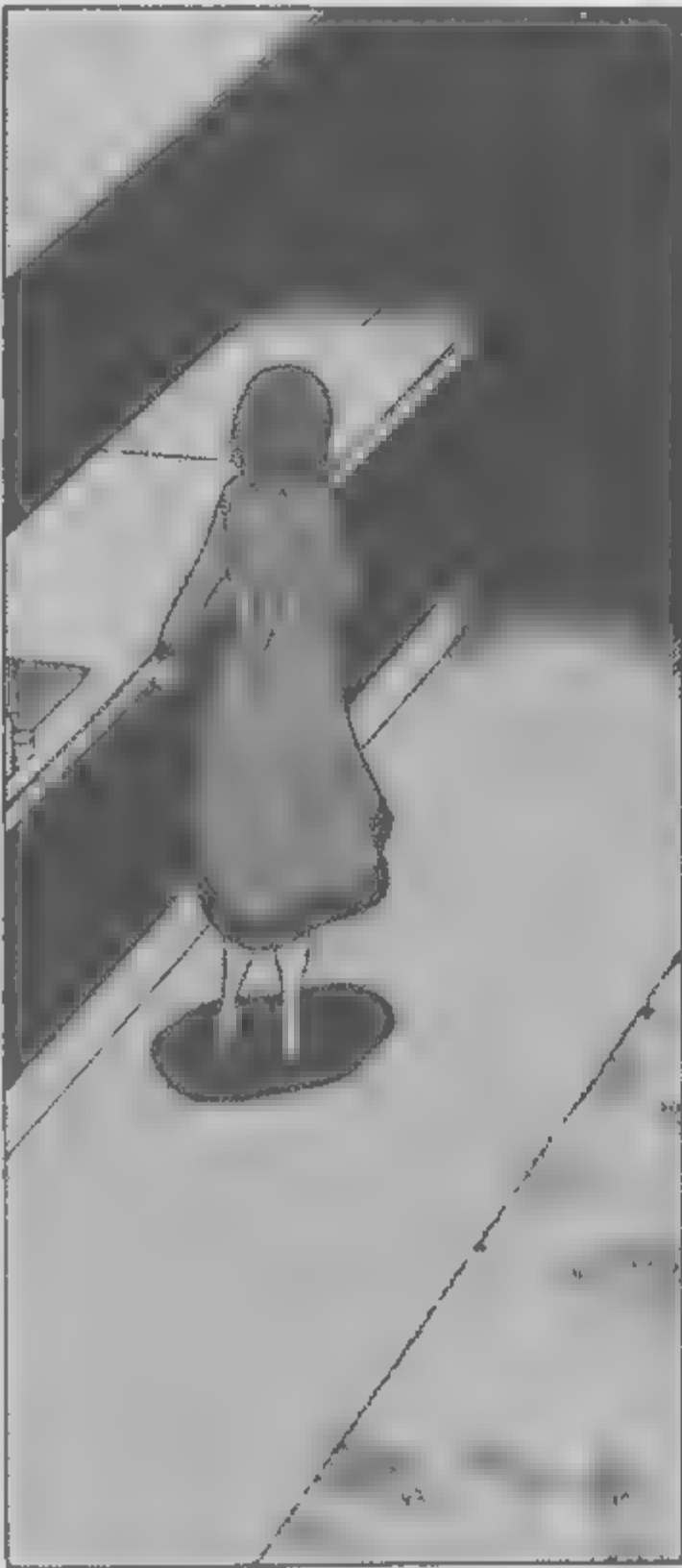
RRRAAAAH





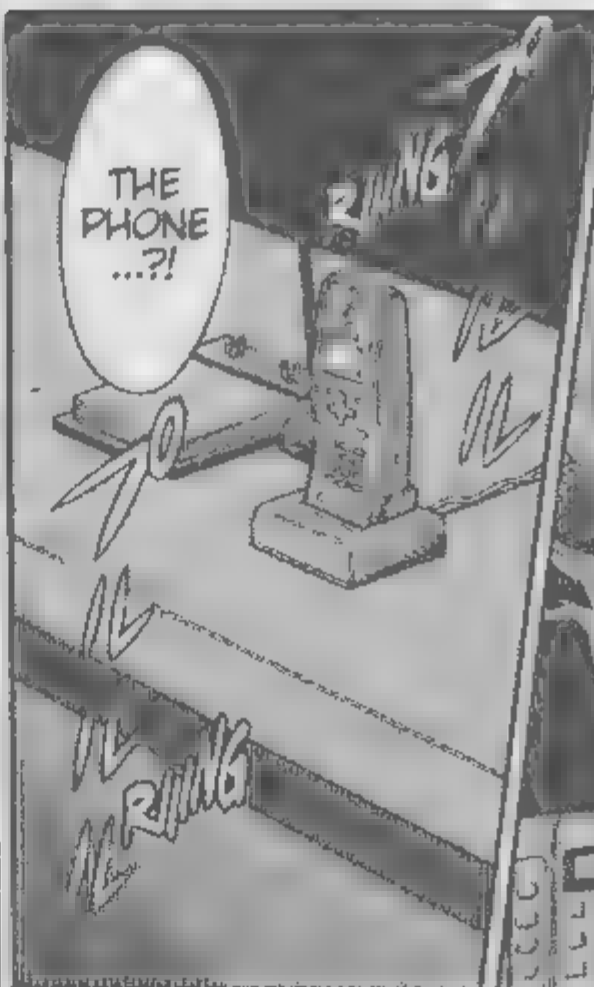
PEOPLE DON'T USUALLY LOOK SOMEWHERE THEY THINK THEY'VE ALREADY SEARCHED THOROUGHLY.

ESPECIALLY SINCE IT'S RIGHT NEXT DOOR. IT'LL NEVER EVEN OCCUR TO THEM YOU MIGHT BE HIDING SOMEWHERE THAT CLOSE.





THAT'S
RIGHT!
THE
PHONE!!



MY
FAMILY'S
IN
TROUBLE!

PLEASE,
GET
HELP!

GO TO
THE
POLICE!
PLEASE!!



OH,
THAT
DOESN'T
MATTER!
WHOEVER
YOU ARE,
PLEASE
HELP
US!

HELLO?
WHO IS
THIS?!



I OFFERED
IT TO YOU
FOR FREE,
YOU KNOW.



WHY
DIDN'T
YOU
TAKE THE
GARLIC?



I
WARNED
YOU.
BUT DID
YOU
LISTEN?
NO.

YOU DIDN'T
PUT IT UP,
SO
VAMPIRES
GOT INTO
YOUR
HOME.



MY FATHER
TOLD ME
WHEN I
WAS LITTLE
THAT A
SOCIETY THAT
DOESN'T
RESPECT ITS
BETTERS
WILL DIE.

WELL,
HE WAS
RIGHT.
LOOK AT
WHAT
YOU'VE
BROUGHT
ON US.

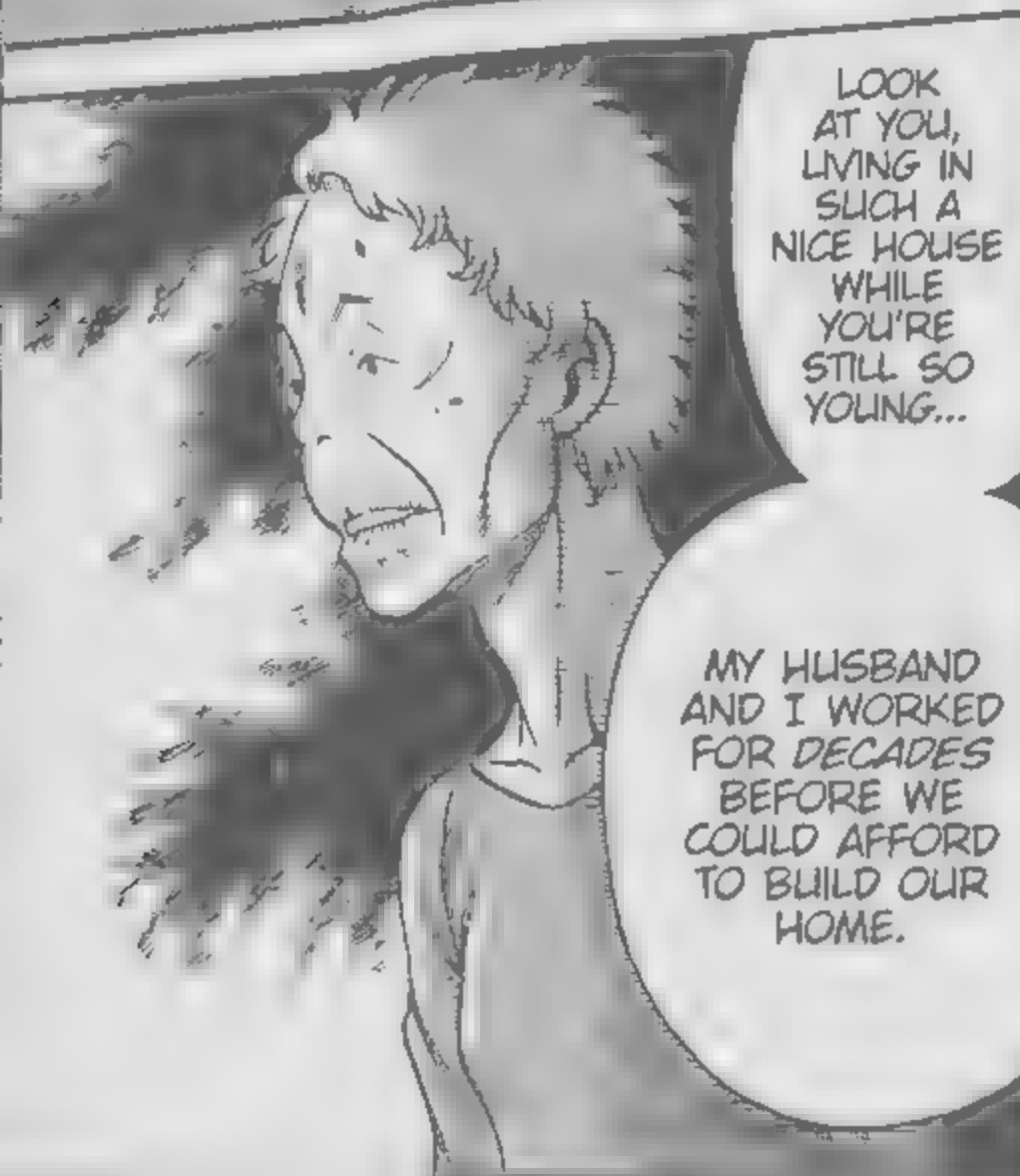
ALL YOU YOUNG
FOLK THESE
DAYS ARE LIKE
THAT. DON'T
PAY A LICK OF
ATTENTION TO
YOUR ELDERS,
DO YOU?

BUT WE
WERE THE
ONES WHO
LIVED HERE
FIRST. YOU
ALL MOVED
IN LATER.
THIS IS OUR
TOWN.

WHAT
ARE
YOU
DOING
?!

NUMAI-SAN?
NUMAI-SAN,
IS THAT
YOU?

WHERE
ARE
YOU?



LOOK
AT YOU,
LIVING IN
SUCH A
NICE HOUSE
WHILE
YOU'RE
STILL SO
YOUNG...

MY HUSBAND
AND I WORKED
FOR DECADES
BEFORE WE
COULD AFFORD
TO BUILD OUR
HOME.



OH MY
GOD...



BEAUTI-
FUL.



THIS IS
ALL GOING
PERFECTLY!



YOU DIDN'T
EARN THIS
HOUSE...
MONEY FROM
THOSE FILTHY
VAMPIRES
BOUGHT IT.

NO SELF-
RESPECTING
HUMAN
SHOULD
LIVE IN
THAT KIND
OF HOME.







WHUMP



HA
HA
...

?



HA
HA
HA!



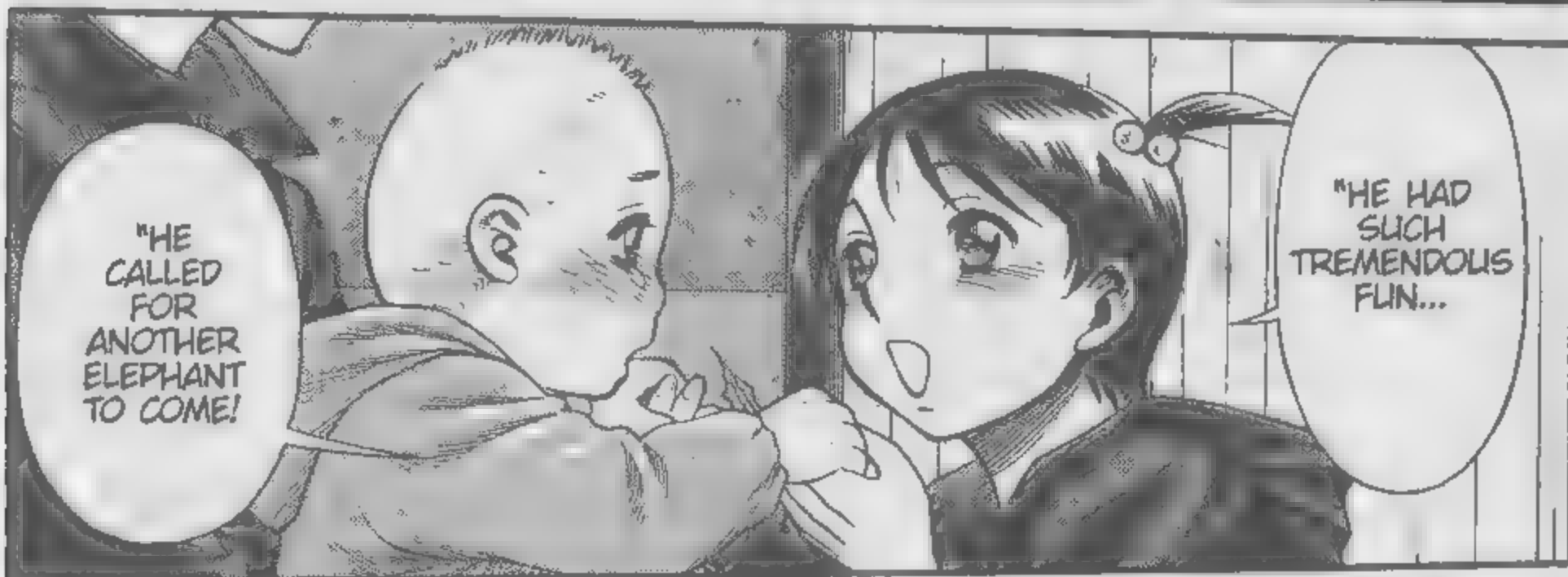
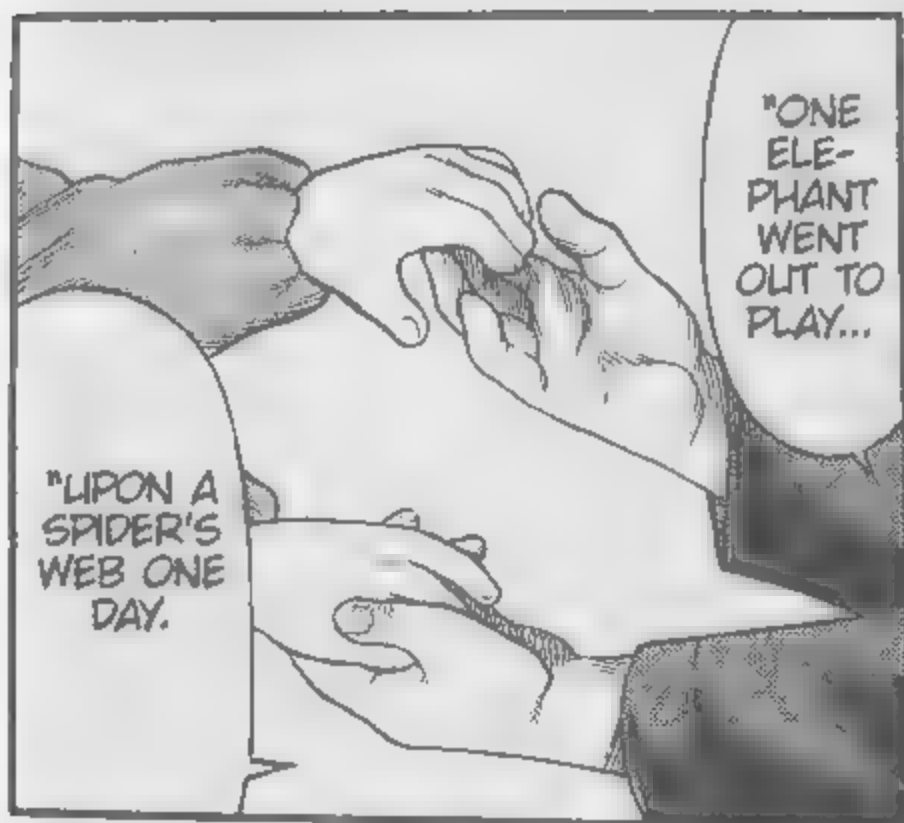
I'M NOT
GONNA
LET YOU
DEMONS
DRINK
MY
BLOOD!!

HA HA!
LOOK
AT YOU
NOW,
BITCH!!












"THEY
HAD SUCH
TREMEN-
DOLUS
FUN..."




"FOUR
ELEPHANTS
WENT OUT
TO PLAY..."



"UPON A
SPIDER'S
WEB ONE
DAY."

"THREE
ELE-
PHANTS
WENT
OUT TO
PLAY..."

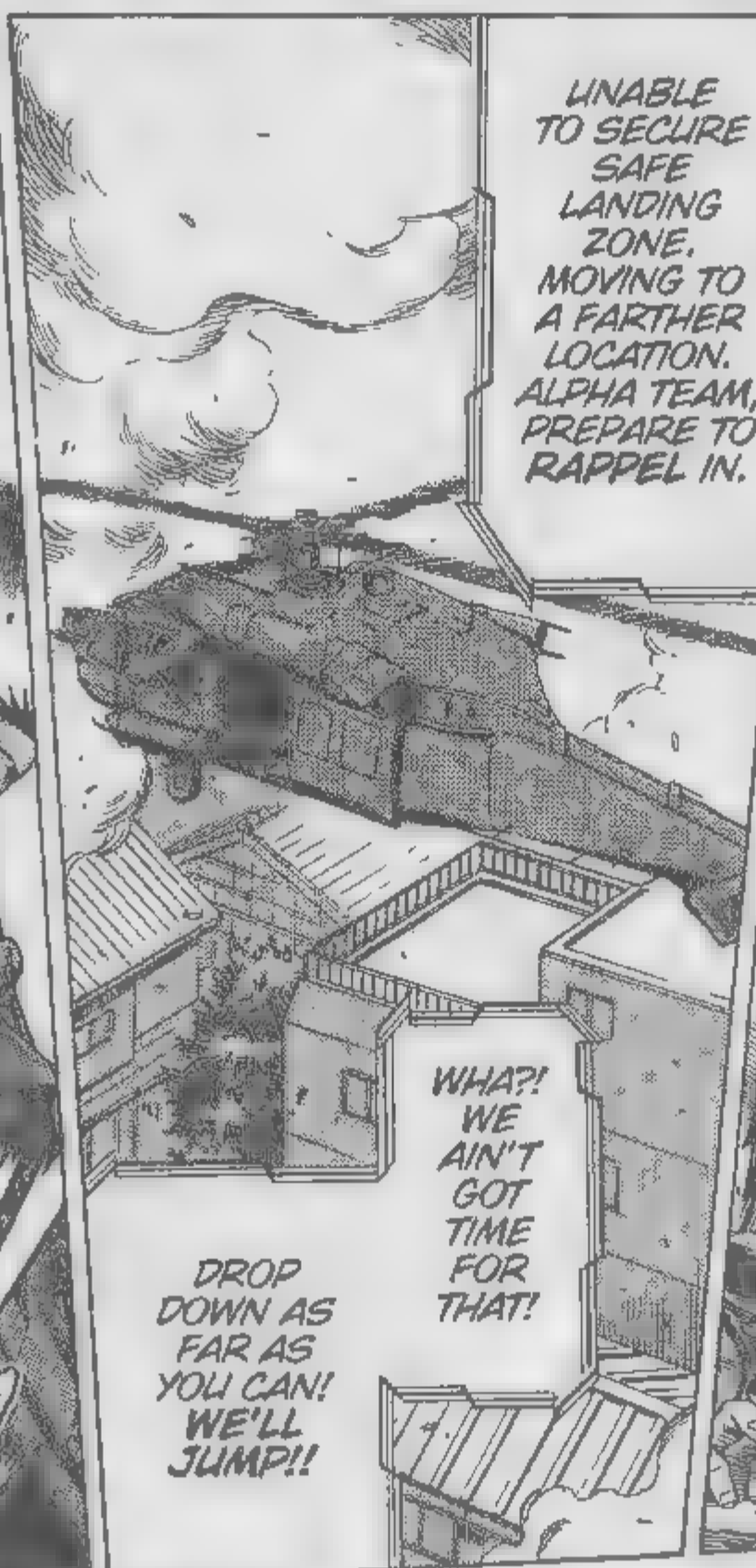
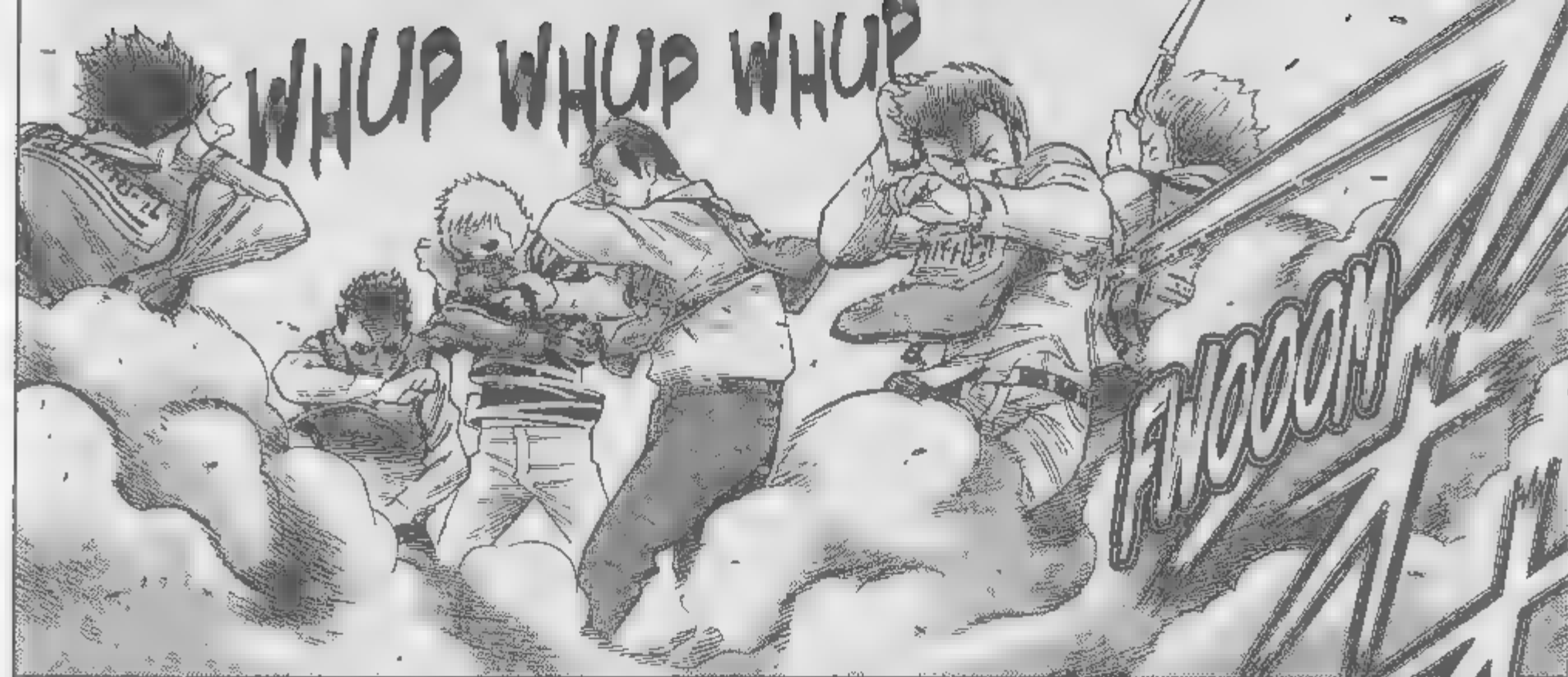


"THEY HAD
SUCH TRE-
MENDOLUS
FUN..."

"THEY
CALLED
FOR
ANOTHER
ELEPHANT
TO
COME!"

"UPON A
SPIDER'S
WEB ONE
DAY."

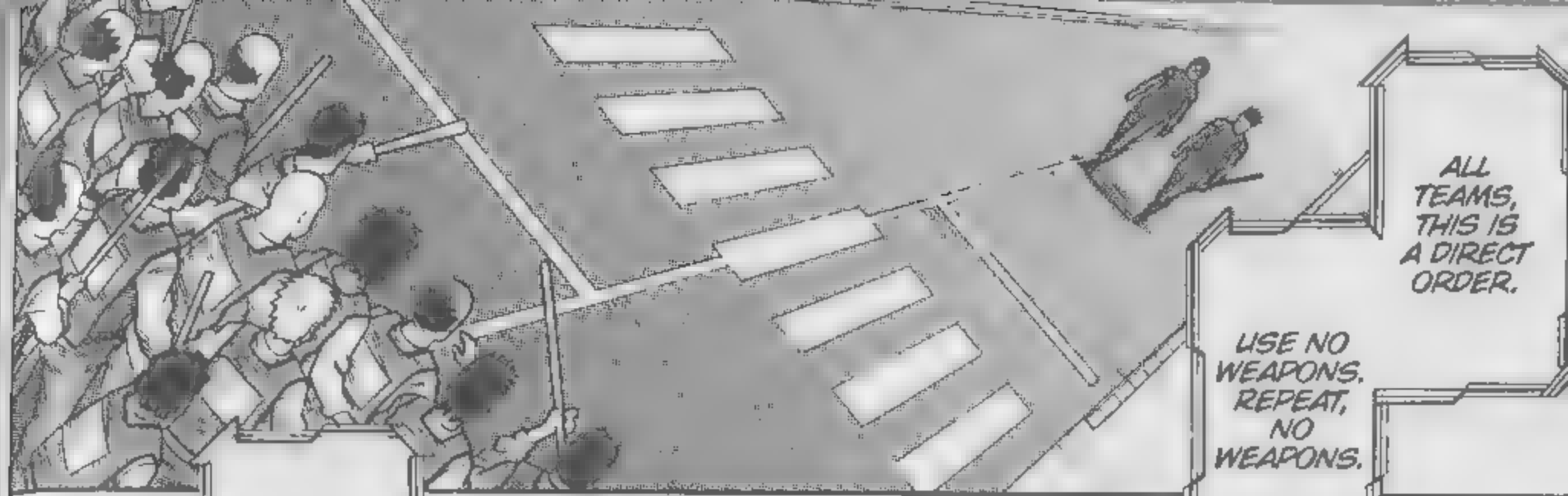
"THEY
CALLED
FOR
ANOTHER
ELEPHANT
TO COME!"





ROGER,
ALPHA
TEAM.
SECURE
LOCATION.

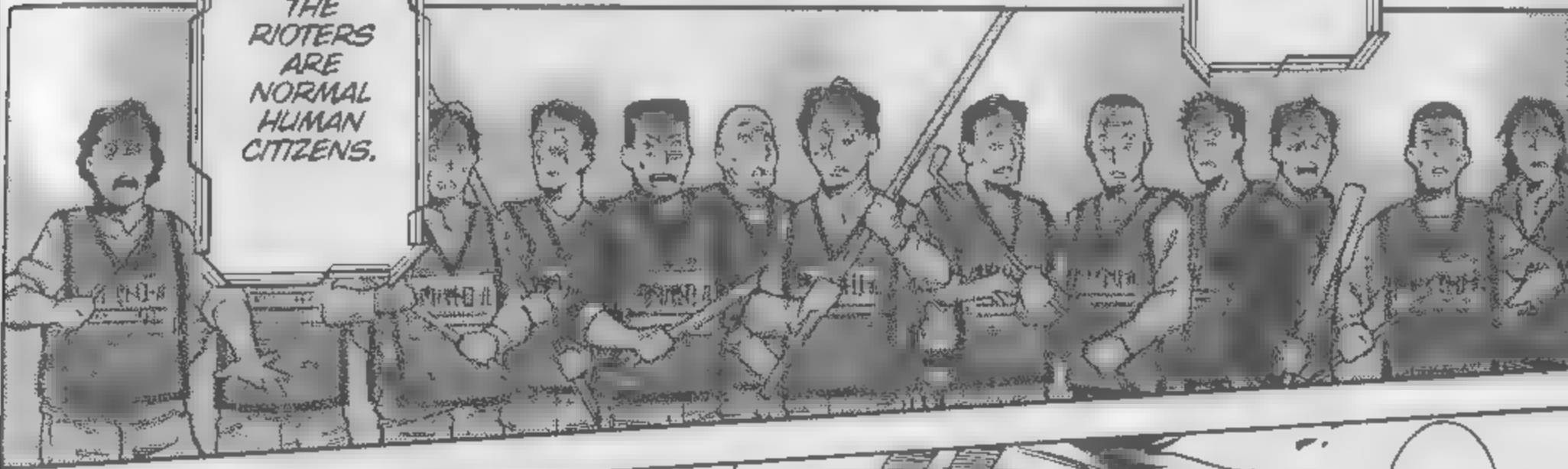
THIS IS
ALPHA
TEAM.
INSERTION
COMPLETE.



ALL
TEAMS,
THIS IS
A DIRECT
ORDER.

USE NO
WEAPONS.
REPEAT,
NO
WEAPONS.

THE
RIOTERS
ARE
NORMAL
HUMAN
CITIZENS.



GO
AHEAD
AND
MAKE IT
"EASY"
FOR US,
WHY
DON'TCHA
?

LUGH.



LEEROY!!

BANG



GET 'EM!
THEY'RE
BLOOD-
SLICKER
LACKEYS!
KILL
THEM!!

WE
DON'T
HAVE
ANY-
THING
TO BE
AFRAID
OF!

I
KILLED
IT!

HA
HA
HA!

LOOK!



BUT
--!!

PER-
MIS-
SION
DENIED.

THE MOB
HAS OPENED
FIRE!
PERMISSION
TO USE
FORCE?!

ALPHA
TEAM,
WHAT'S
HAD-
PEN-
ING?



AHA...

I
GET
IT.

PRESENT
THEM WITH
SOMETHING
GREATER
TO FEAR.

AND
IF
THAT
IS
THE
CASE
...

THAT
WHICH
SPURS
ON THIS
MOB IS
SIMPLE
FEAR.

LIS-
TEN.









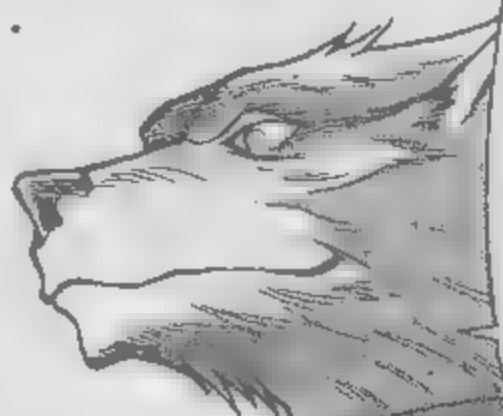
STICK WITH ME, OKAY?!





I'LL LET
YOU OFF
WITH
JUST
THAT,
OLD
MAN.

DON'T
DO IT
AGAIN.



US?
"MON-
STERS"?
OH,
I THINK
NOT...

THERE
IS A FAR
NASTIER,
FAR
UGLIER
MONSTER
AROUND
HERE
THAN
US.

ST-
ST-
STAY
BACK!




STAY
AWAY
FROM
ME,
YOU
MON-
STER!

DON'T
LEAVE
ME
HERE!!



W-
WAIT
FOR
ME!



YOU'LL
FIND IT
THERE.


GO
HOME
AND
LOOK
IN A
MIRROR.



THIS IS
ALPHA
TEAM.
MISSION
COM-
PLETE.



BOTH
TARGET
FAMILIES
HAVE
BEEN
RECOV-
ERED.



ONE
MEMBER
IS
SEVERELY
INJURED.
REQUEST-
ING EMER-
GENCY
MEDICAL
AID.

BOOOOSH



TO GIVE
BACK TO
YOU THE
BEAUTIES
OF THE
DEEP NIGHT
AND THE
PURE
DAWN!!

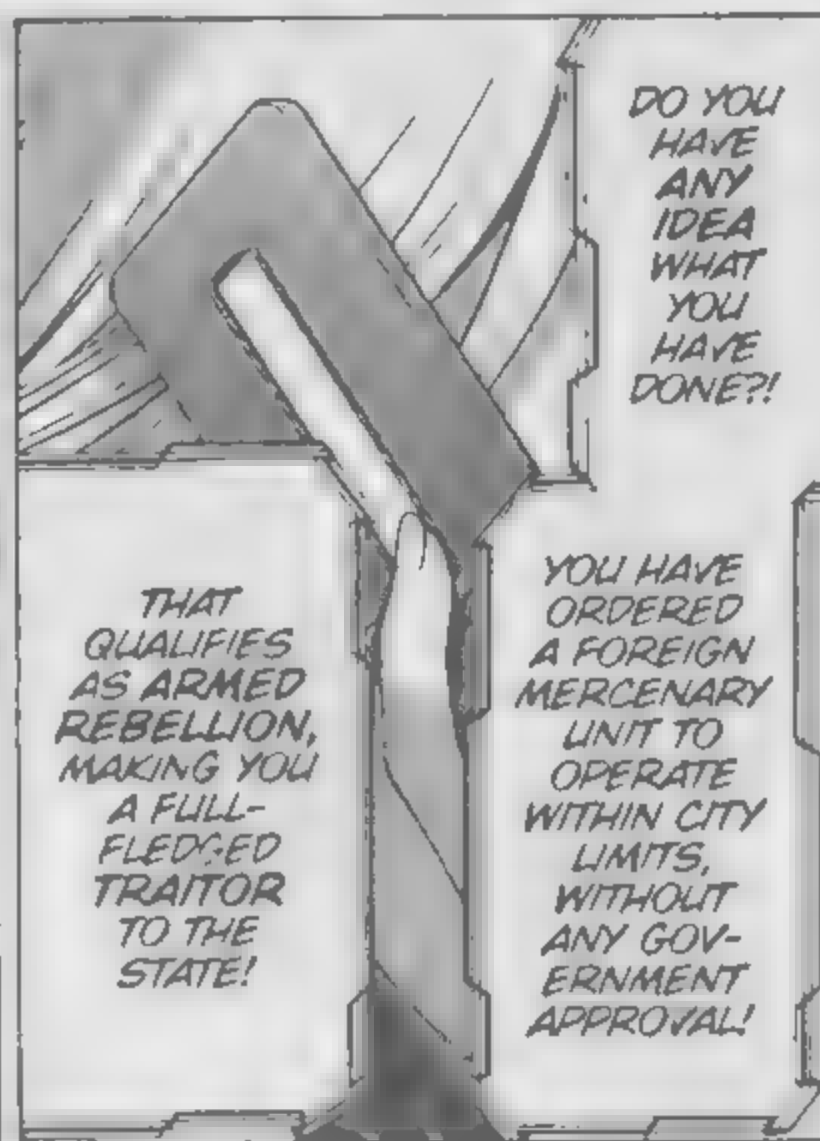
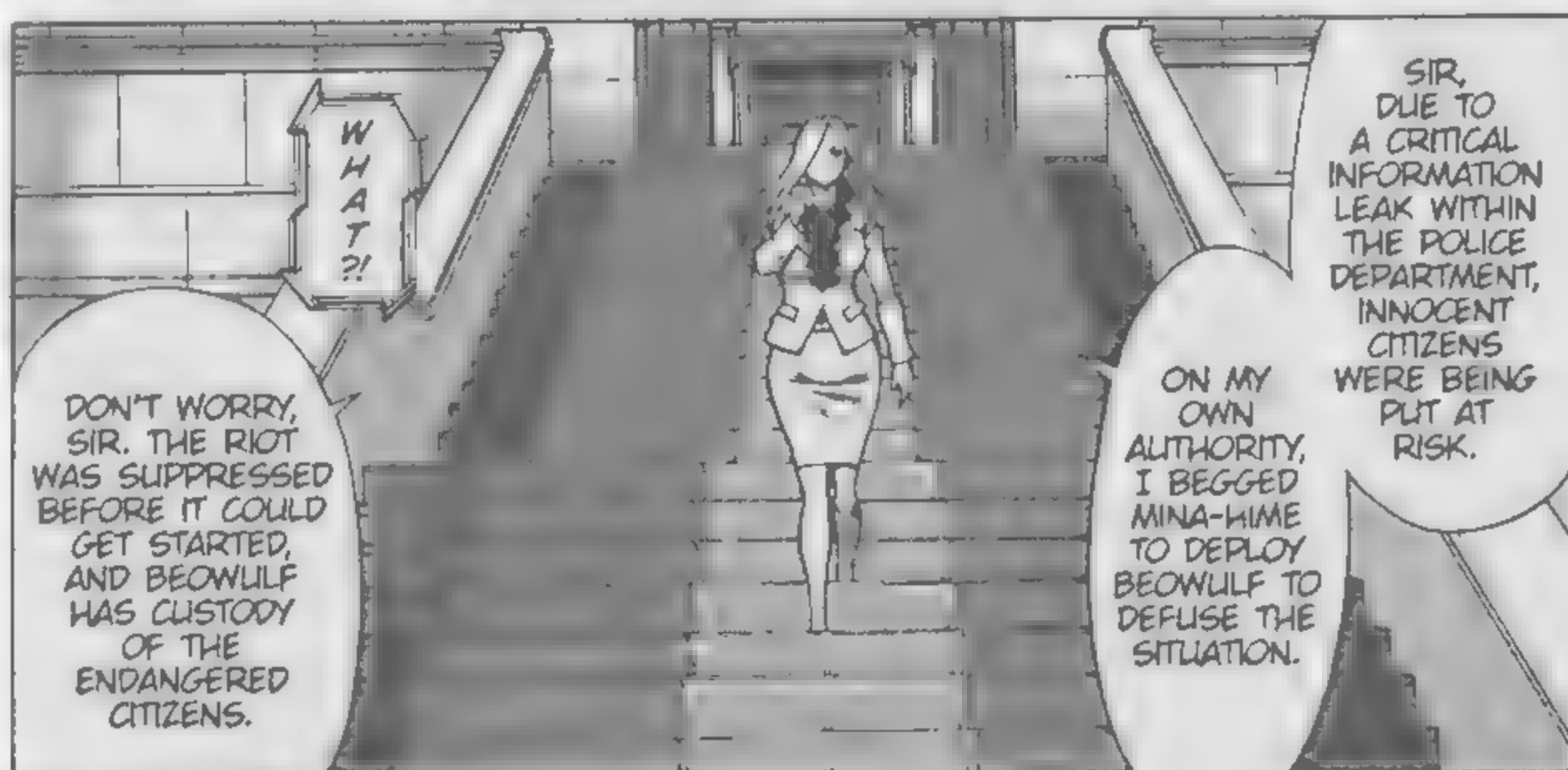
I STAND
BEFORE
YOU FOR
ONE
REASON..





CITIZENS
OF THE
VAMPIRE
BLIND...

YOUR
QUEEN
HAS
RETURNED
!!





THAT'S
MY LINE,
ACTUALLY.



PLEASE
COME
WITH US
QUIETLY.

COUN-
CILOR
GOTOH,
YOU
ARE
UNDER
ARREST
FOR
TREA-
SON.



FOR
WHAT?
WHAT
ARE
YOU
DOING
?!

A
WIT-
NESS
?



I WOULD BE
HONORED
IF YOU
WOULD JOIN
US AS A
WITNESS.

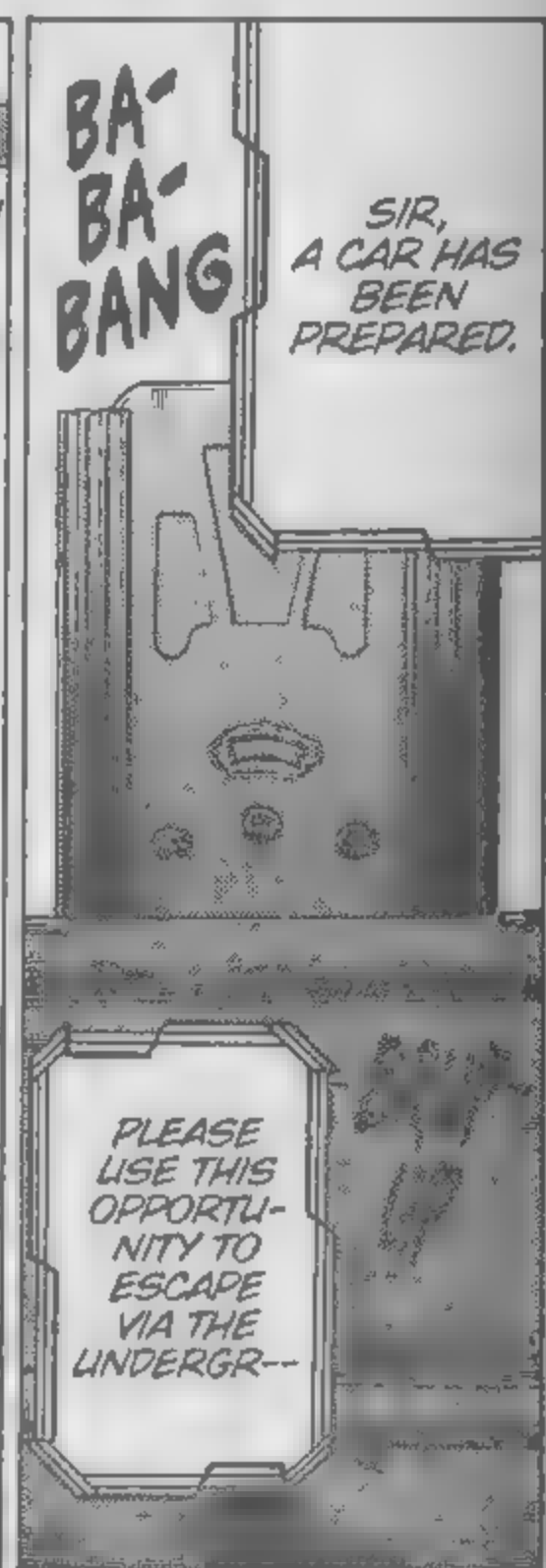
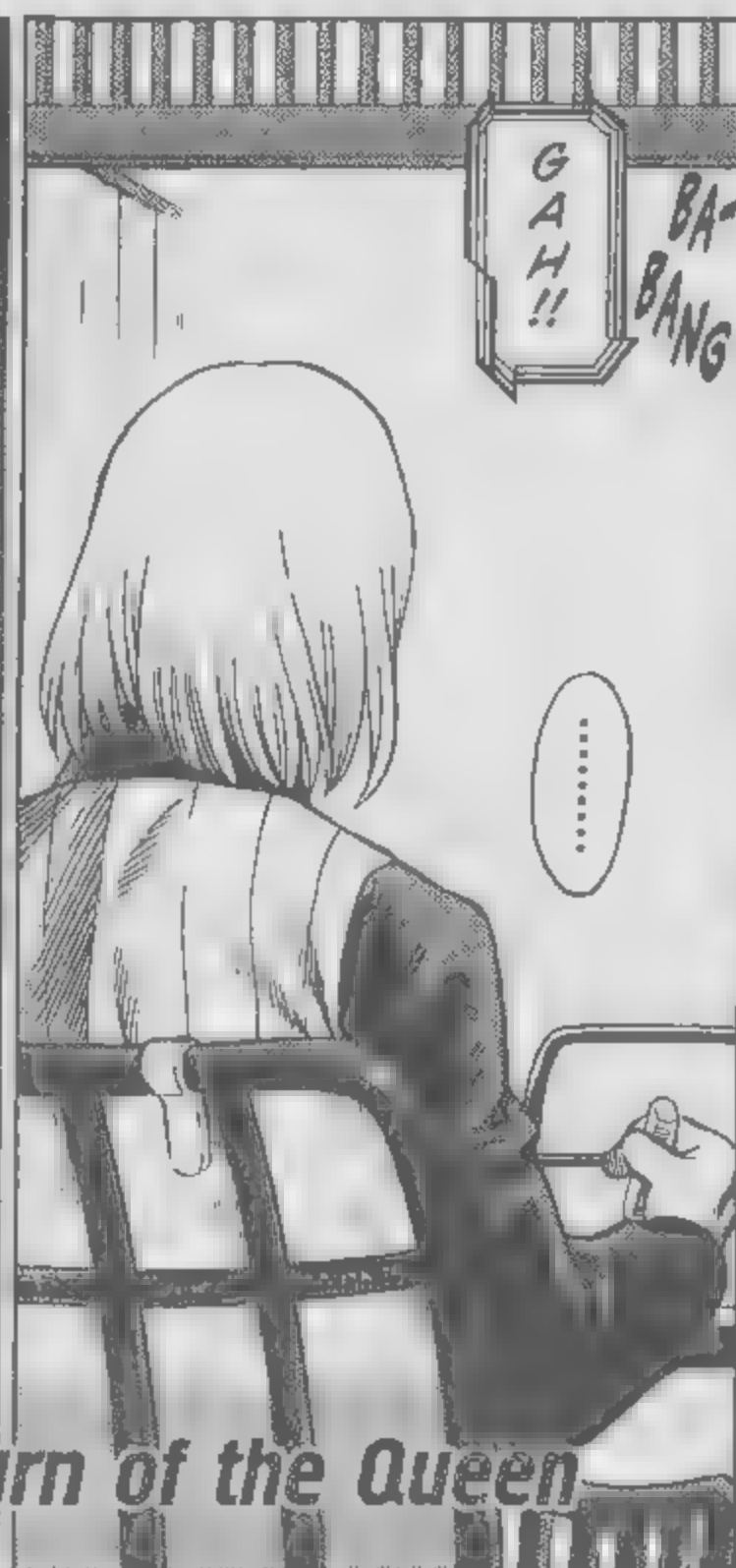
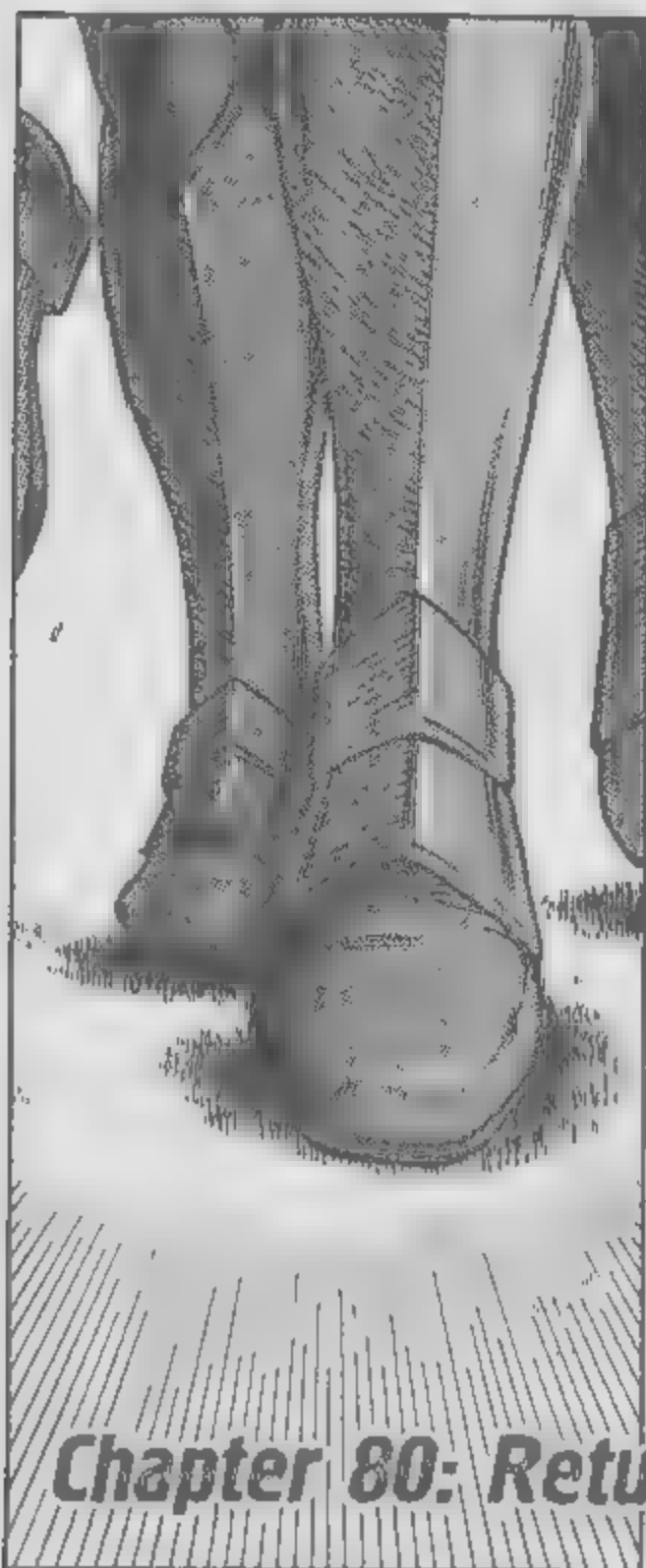
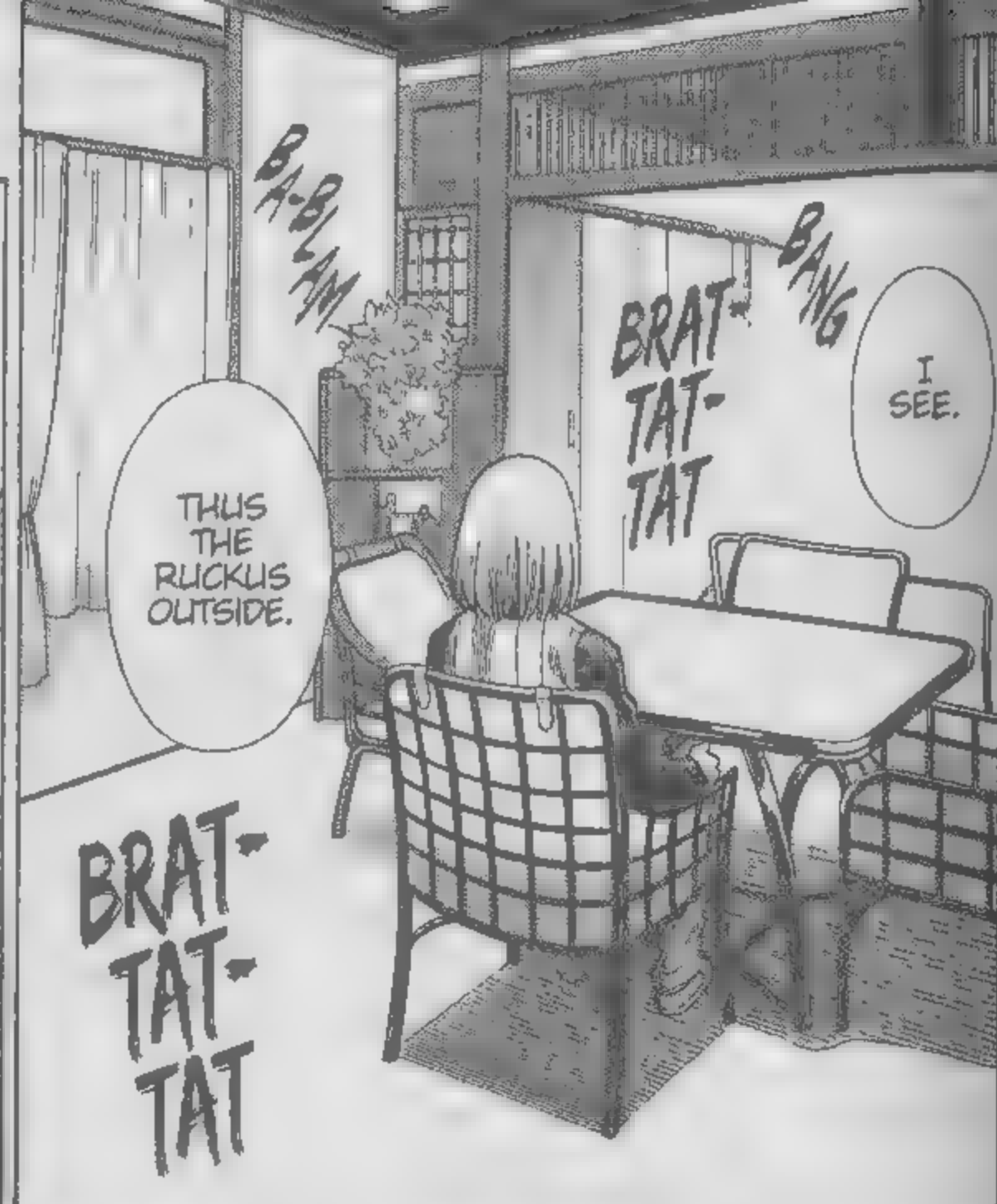
PERFECT
TIMING.
I AM JUST
ABOUT TO DO
SOMETHING
THAT HAS
NEEDED TO
BE DONE
FOR SOME
TIME.



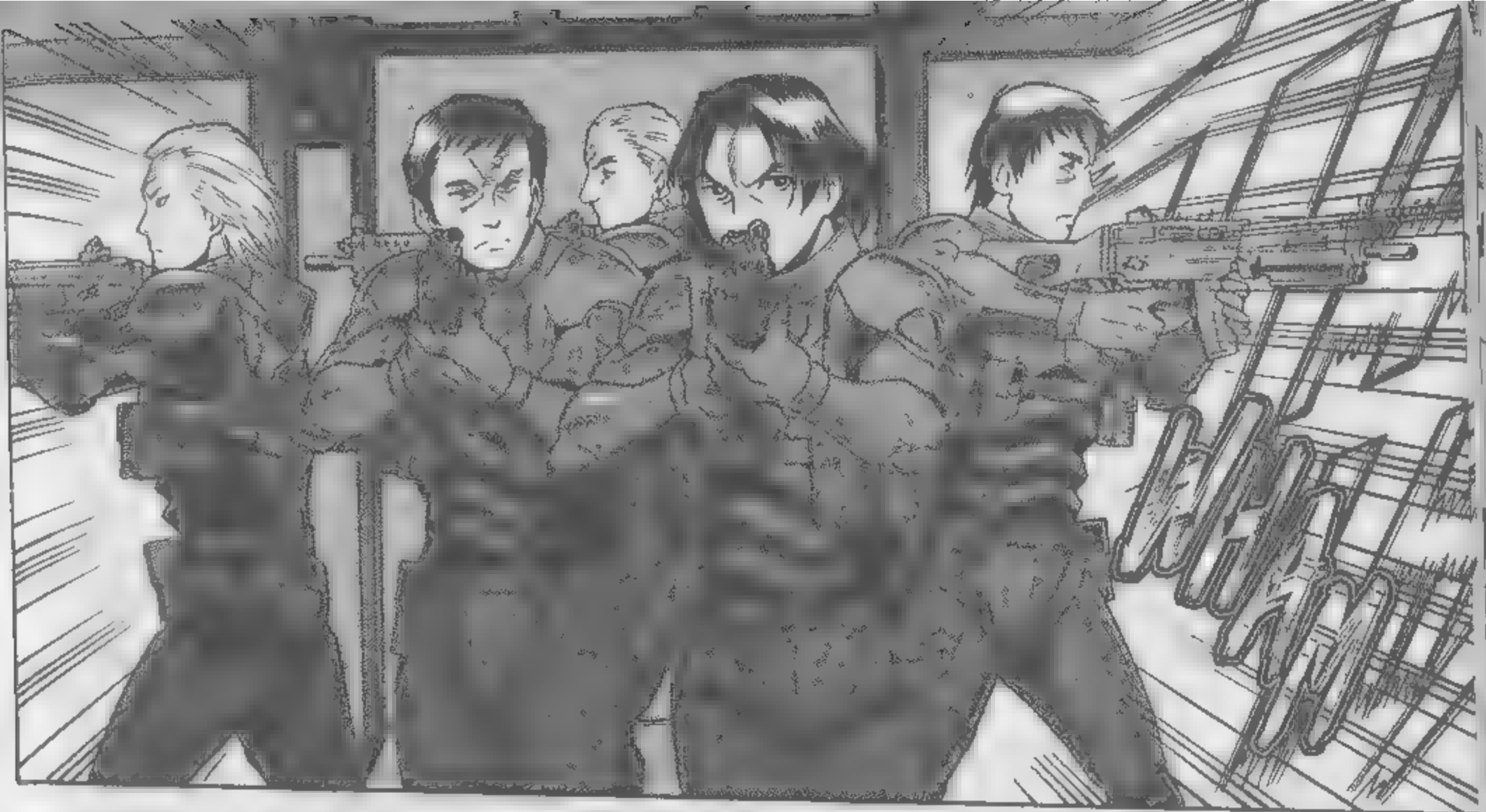
WHAT
AM I
DOING?

SAVING
THIS
COUNTRY
!!

I AM
DOING
WHAT
ANY CIVIL
SERVANT
IN THEIR
RIGHT MIND
SHOULD
BE DOING.



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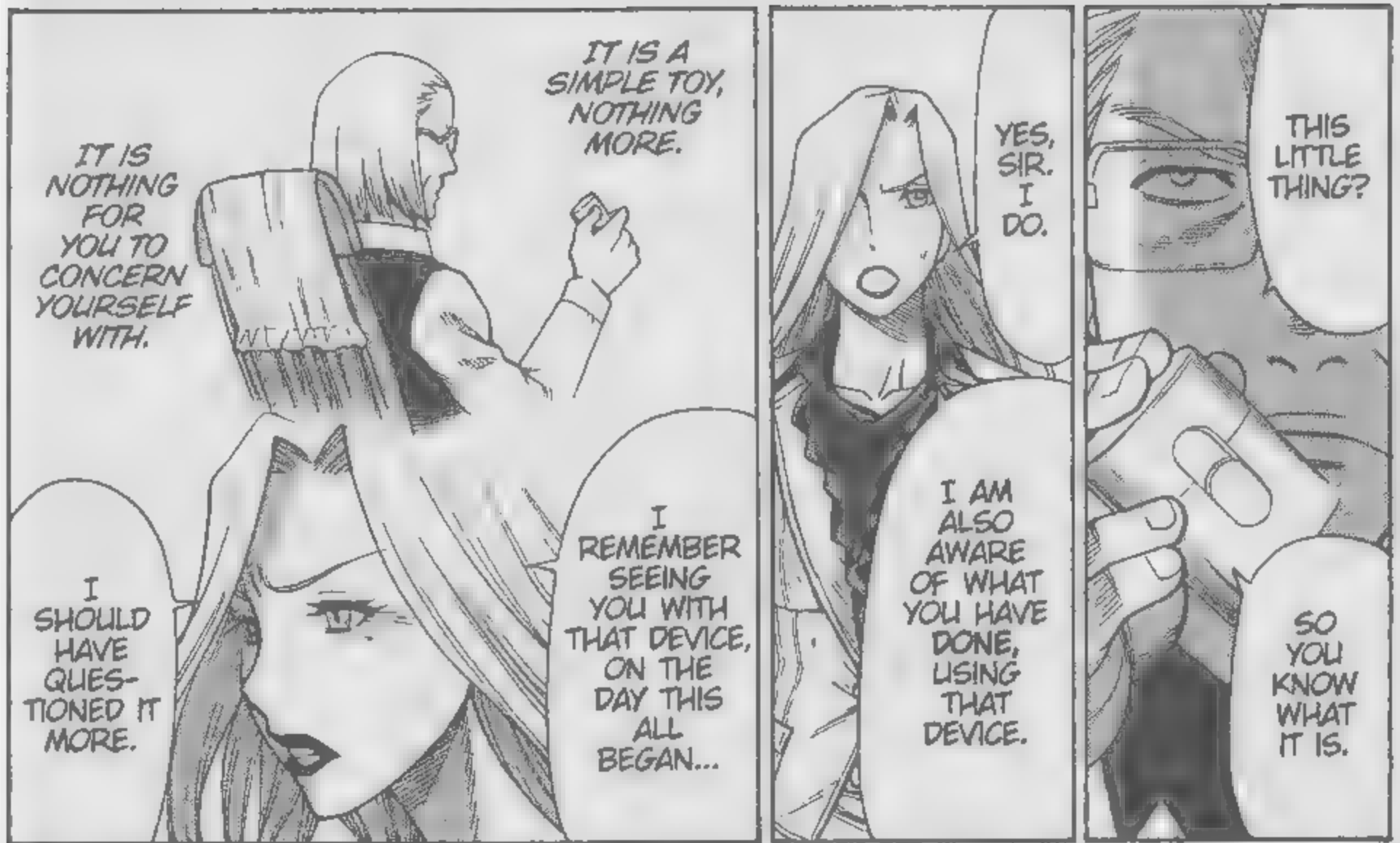


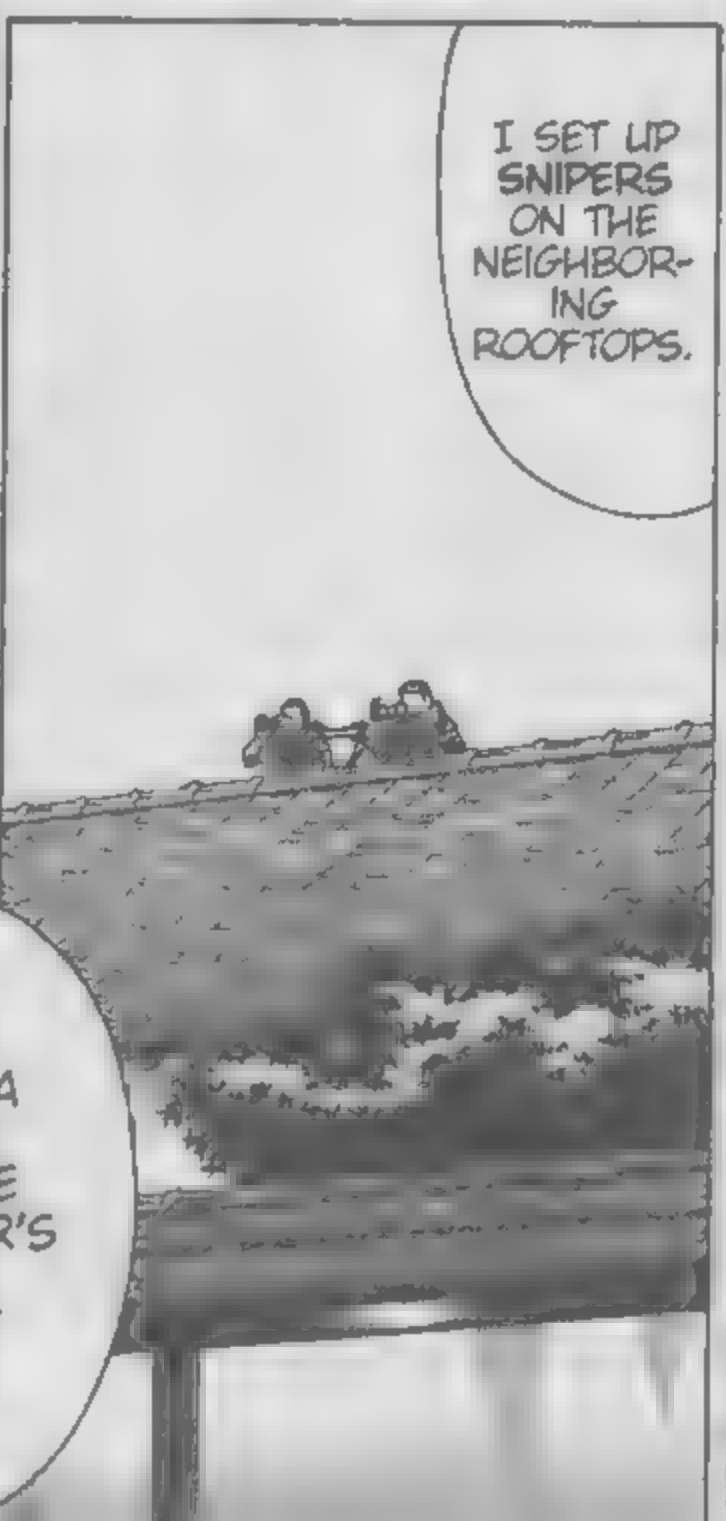


PLEASE
PASS IT
TO ME.

THAT
DEVICE
IN YOUR
HAND...

GRAND-
FATHER.








CAN YOU
ORDER
MY DEATH
IN COLD
BLOOD,
REIKO?

DO YOU
THINK
YOU CAN
DO
THAT?



'COURSE,
WITH THESE
RIFLES OF OURS,
IT'LL JUST
EVAPORATE
EVERYTHING
FROM THE
NECK UP.

WITH A LARGE
CALIBER RIFLE,
ALL THEY
NEED TO DO IS
SHOOT THROUGH
HIS SPINE.
THAT'LL STOP
HIS NERVOUS
SYSTEM DEAD,
AND HE'LL
COLLAPSE
WITHOUT EVER
MOVING HIS
FINGERS.




.....




WITHOUT
HESITA-
TION!

THUS,
IF YOU DO
NOT HEED MY
WARNING,
GRANDFATHER,
I WILL ORDER
THEM TO
SHOOT...



THAT IS
A DUTY
WHICH HAS
COME
DOWN
THROUGH
GENERA-
TIONS.

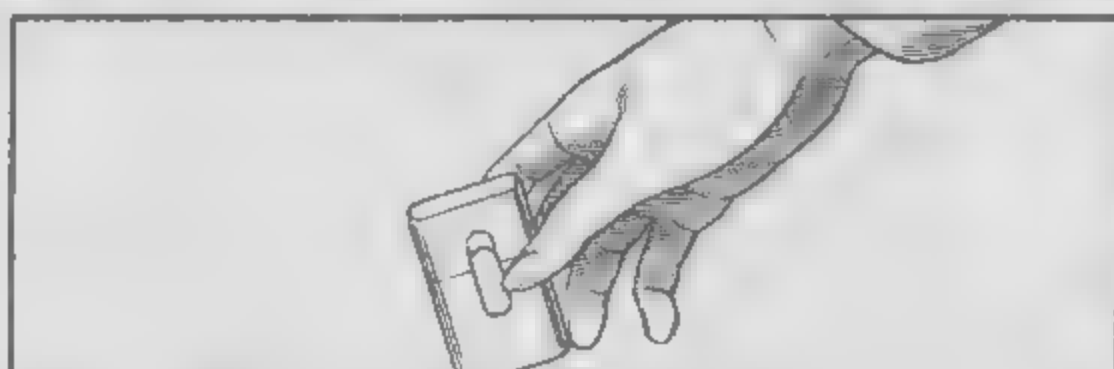
IT IS A HARSH
RESPONSIBILITY,
WITH ROOM
FOR NEITHER
MERCY NOR
JUSTICE.

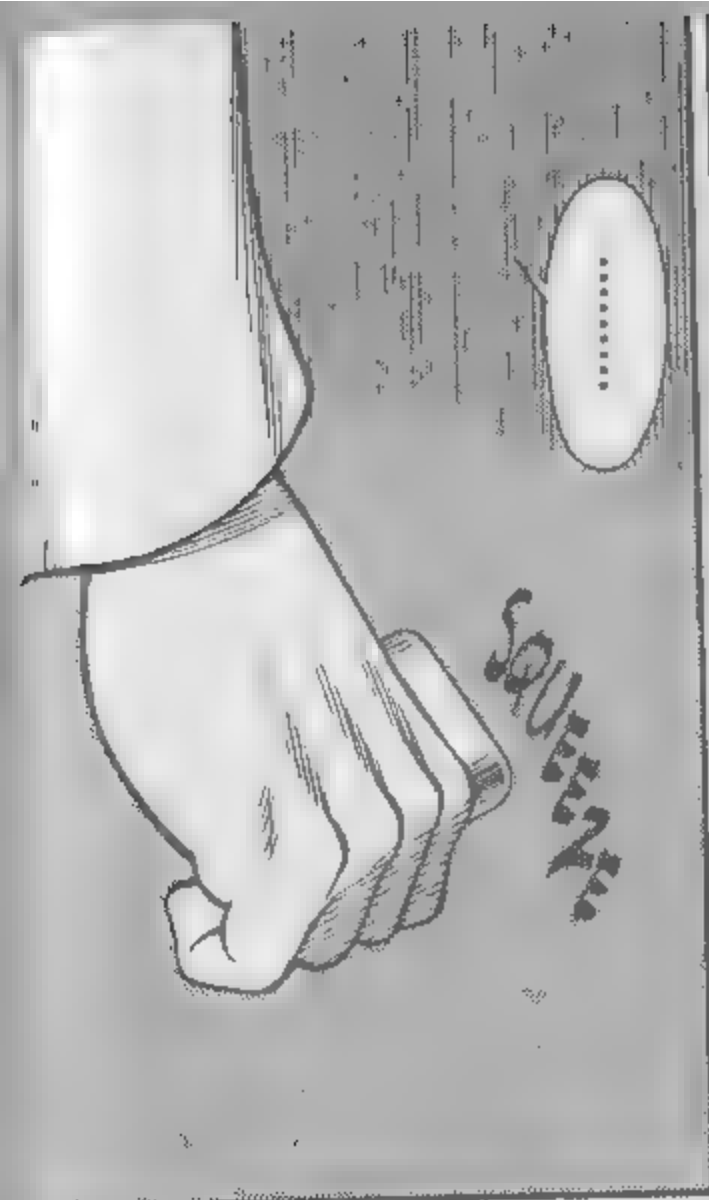


ONCE,
YOU TOLD
ME A
MEDIATOR
IS A
"BALANCE."

NIGHT
AND
DAY.

HUMANS
AND
INHUMANS.
MEDIATORS
EXIST TO KEEP
THOSE TWO
FORCES ON
AN EVEN
KEEL.





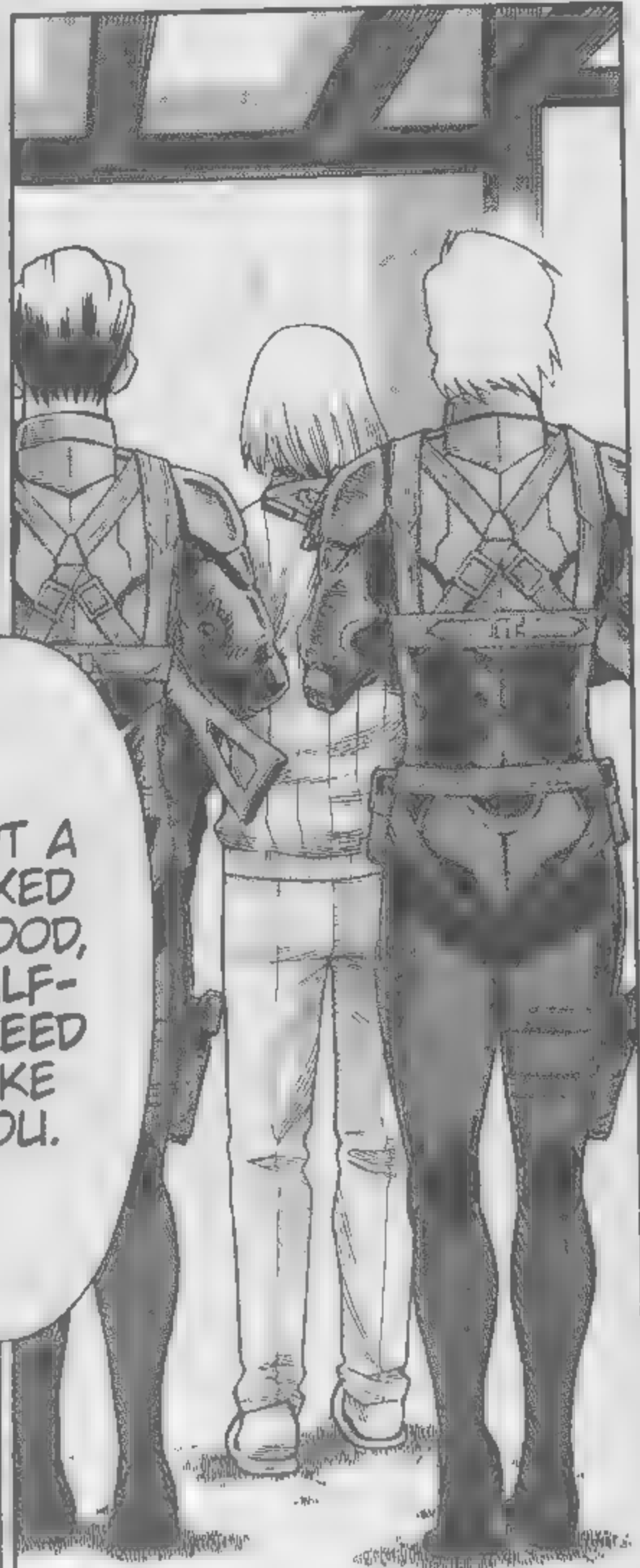
GOTOH-SAN.

AS ORDERED,
WE SEARCHED THE
UNDERGROUND
SAFE HOUSE.
WE FOUND THE
COMPUTER
TERMINAL
RESPONSIBLE FOR
PROGRAMMING
THE PIED PIPER
THERE.



THOUGH,
I
DOUBT
YOU'D
UNDER-
STAND
THAT
SENTI-
MENT.

FOR
THE
PURITY
OF MY
COUNTRY,
REIKO.



NOT A
MIXED
BLOOD,
HALF-
BREED
LIKE
YOU.



WHAT MY
GRAND-
FATHER
BEGAN...

I
WILL
END!



GOTOH-
SAN...



WE DON'T
HAVE
TIME TO
RELOCATE
THE
TERMINAL.

PLEASE
BEGIN
REPRO-
GRAMMING
THE PIED
PIPER
COMMAND
PROGRAM
AT ONCE.

THE TIME
HAS COME
FOR ALL
WHO LIVE
HERE TO
MAKE A
CHOICE.



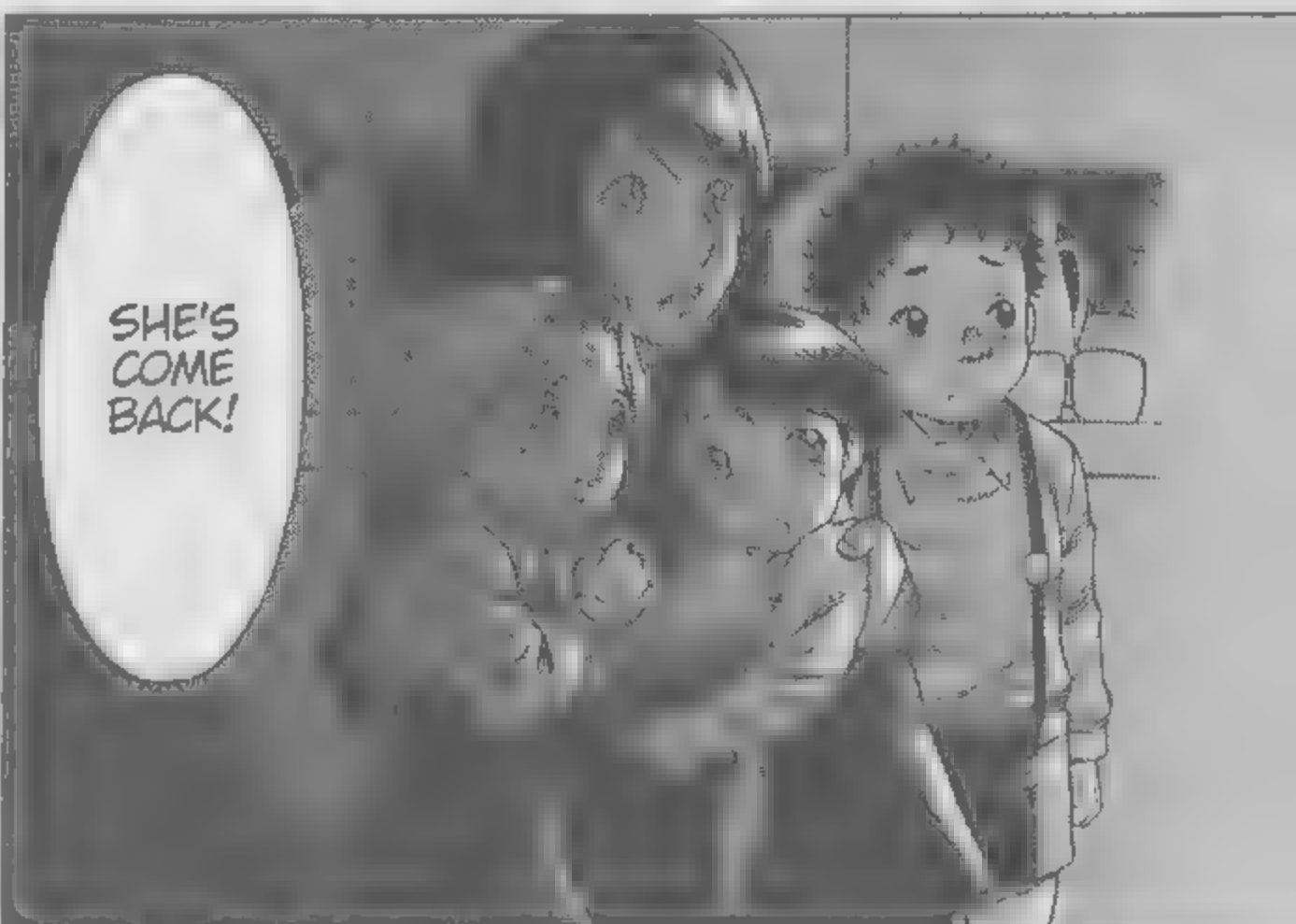
IT'S
HER
MAJES-
TY!



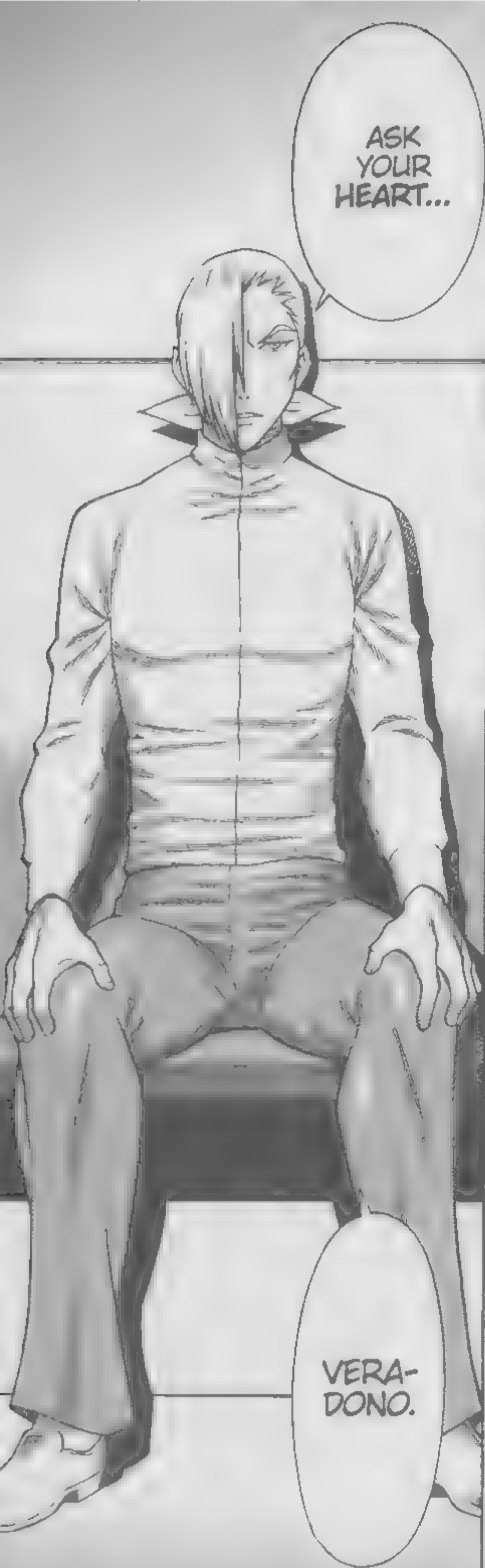
PRINCESS
MINA...



TO WHICH
OF THE TWO
PRINCESSES
WILL THEY
PLEDGE
THEIR
LOYALTY?

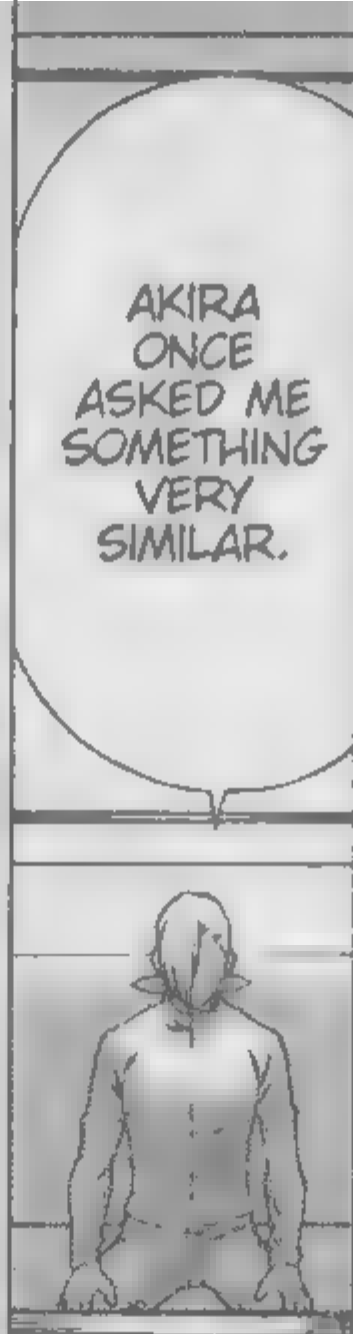


SHE'S
COME
BACK!



ASK
YOUR
HEART...

VERA-
DONO.



AKIRA
ONCE
ASKED ME
SOMETHING
VERY
SIMILAR.

ALLOW
ME TO
GIVE
YOU THE
SAME
ANSWER
THAT I
GAVE TO
HIM.



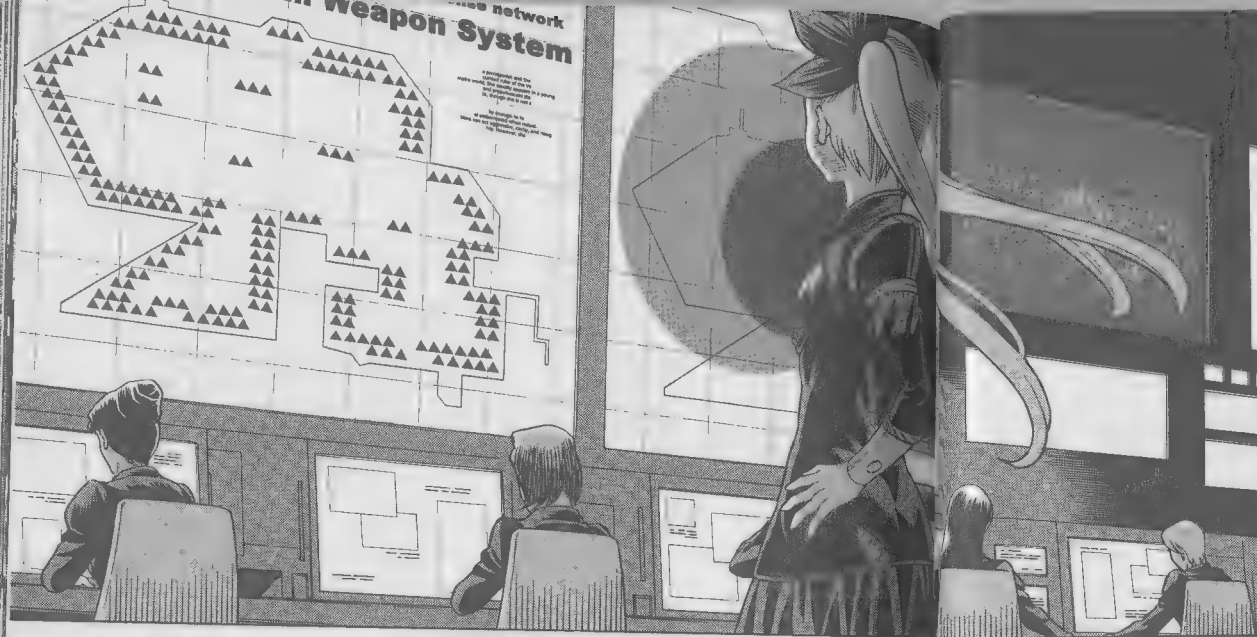
I...
DON'T
KNOW.

WOLFGANG-
DONO, I DO
NOT KNOW
WHICH TO
CHOOSE.



DE-
PLOR-
ABLE,
ISN'T
IT?

ME,
STRUCK
WITH SUCH
INDECISION.
HOW WILL
I BE ABLE
TO FACE
LUCREZIA-
SAMA IN THE
AFTERLIFE
NOW?



network
Weapon System

personnel and the
network. The system is a
network of the network.
The network is a
network of the network.
The network is a
network of the network.

WELL,
MINA...

YOU FACE
NOW THE
FULL MIGHT
OF THE
IRON DEFENSE
THAT YOU
YOURSELF
WROUGHT.
WHERE
WILL YOU
ATTACK...?

ALL VGS
DIVISIONS
ACTIVATED
WITH ANTI-
WEREWOLF
ARMAMENT.

CURRENTLY
DEPLOYING
TO CRITICAL
AREAS
ISLAND-
WIDE.

CIWS
SYSTEM
ONLINE.

ALL BLIND
SYSTEMS
WILL NOW
ENTER
AIR
DEFENSE
MODE.

ASK...

YOU WERE
HER
MAJESTY'S
MOTHER,
HER
SISTER,
AND HER
FRIEND.

I AM SURE
THAT YOU
CAN EASILY
REMEMBER
THE FEELING
OF HER
MAJESTY'S
WARMTH
IN YOUR
ARMS.

MY
HEART?

YOUR HEART
KNOWS
WHICH OF
THE TWO
YOU TRULY
WISH TO
HOLD CLOSE,
VERA-DONO.
ASK IT.

MY, MY. I HAD
THOUGHT YOU
WOULD BE
BUSY WITH
PREPARATIONS
FOR
MINA-HIME'S
ARRIVAL.



TK TK TK
I knew fro—



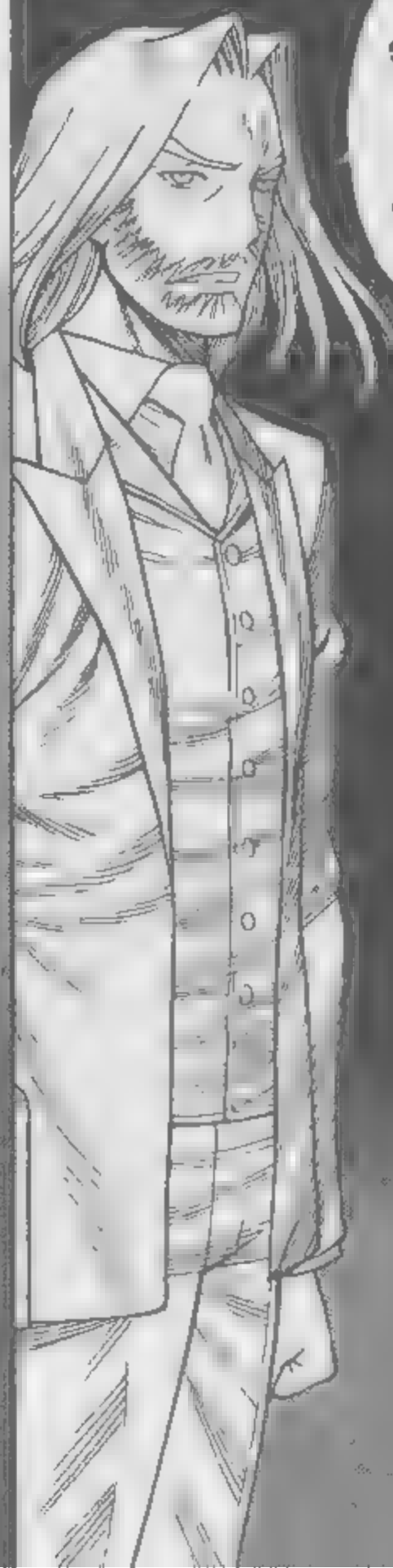
I knew from the start that
Hime-sama would come back.

I knew from the start that
Hime-sama would come back.

These are preparations for
what we need to do after
she's returned

are preparations for
I need to do after

HOW
STRANGE
TO FIND
YOU
BURIED
IN RE-
SEARCH.



AFTER
HER
RETURN
...?



These are maps of the areas in which they were deployed

Yes The day after Akira-kun escaped, approximately 3,000 Fangless were led from the Bund, only to vanish.

Yamanashi Nagano.
Updated daily, these maps show how widely they were dispersed across Central Japan.

And they were not just in the mountains, but in villages and even cities.

Especially in these times.
But there has been no news of any sightings or disturbances. Why?

Even though the Fangless are less obvious than normal vampires, this many spread across this much area should have been noticed.

"Though they must part,
he who wanders and he who remains,
the journey need not be rushed."

That is a line from the "Suwa Engi,"
a legend in the Shintoshu, which was
compiled in the mid-fourteenth century.

The answer to that
is in the phrase
Fake Mina told me

Yes, it is just a myth. Believed to have sprung from the Chinese story of the undersea palace of a dragon, it's considered the origin of the dragon god worshipped at the Suwa Grand Shrine.

THAT IS A SHINTO MYTH.

WHAT HAS THAT TO DO WITH ANYTHING?

But there are several things about it that struck me as odd.

An underground world, like our own.

Immortality.

A man transformed into a dragon.

What does this remind you of?


DEEP INSIDE THE CAVE, HE DISCOVERED A WORLD, NOT UNLIKE THAT OF THE OUTSIDE.

LONG AGO, KOGATSABURO, STEWARD OF TATESHINA, HAD REASON TO ENTER A CAVE HIDDEN IN THE MOUNTAIN WILDS OF MT. FUJI.

AT THE END OF HIS JOURNEY, HE FINALLY RETURNED TO THE SURFACE WORLD...

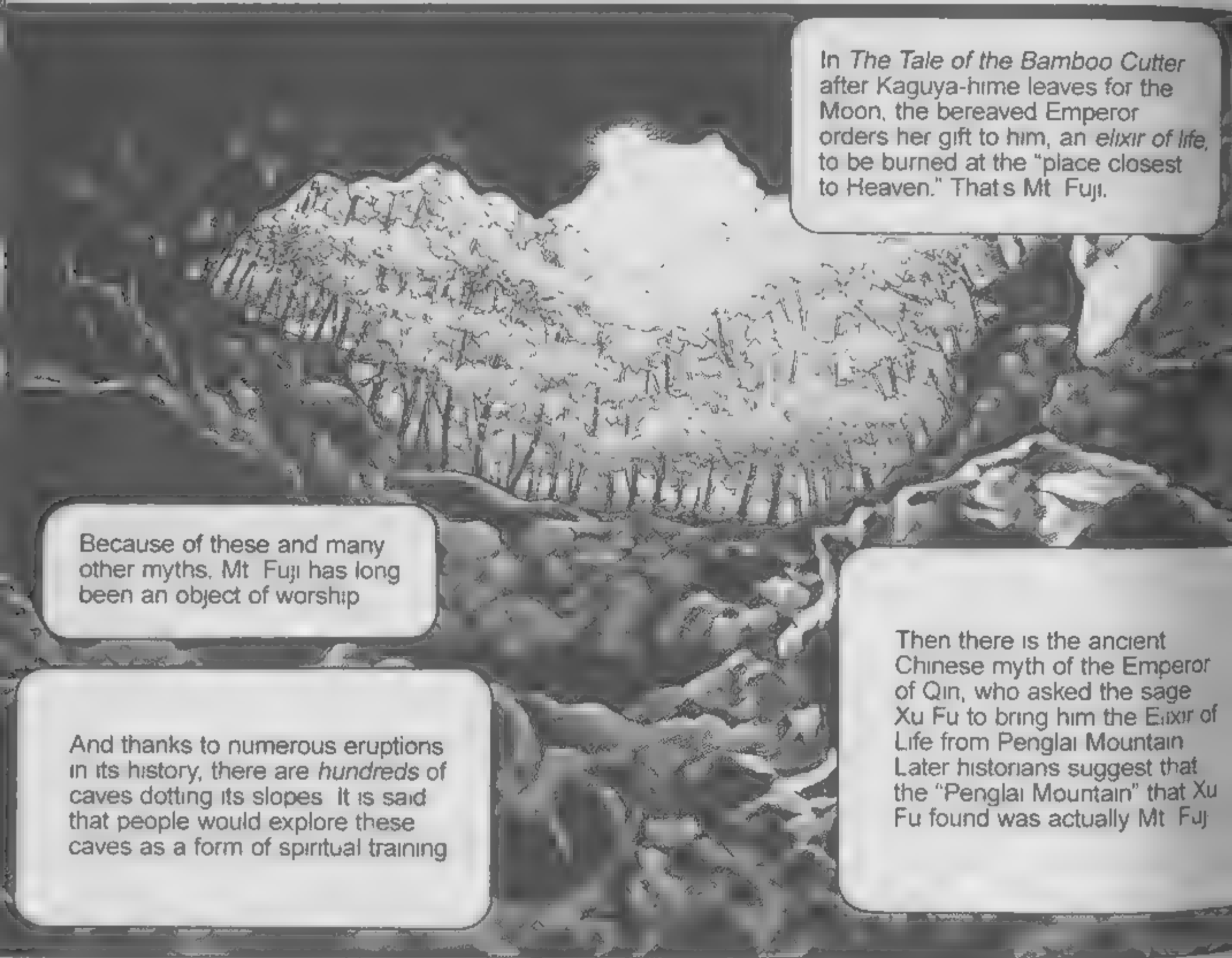
KNOWING NEITHER AGE NOR EXHAUSTION, KOGATSABURO TRAVELED THROUGHOUT ALL OF THE SEVENTY UNDERGROUND KINGDOMS.

ONLY TO DISCOVER THAT HIS BODY HAD TRANSFORMED INTO THAT OF A GIANT SERPENT.



Central Japan has dozens, if not *hundreds* of myths involving immortality.

Then there is Mt. Fuji itself




In *The Tale of the Bamboo Cutter* after Kaguya-hime leaves for the Moon, the bereaved Emperor orders her gift to him, an *elixir of life* to be burned at the "place closest to Heaven." That's Mt. Fuji.

Because of these and many other myths, Mt. Fuji has long been an object of worship

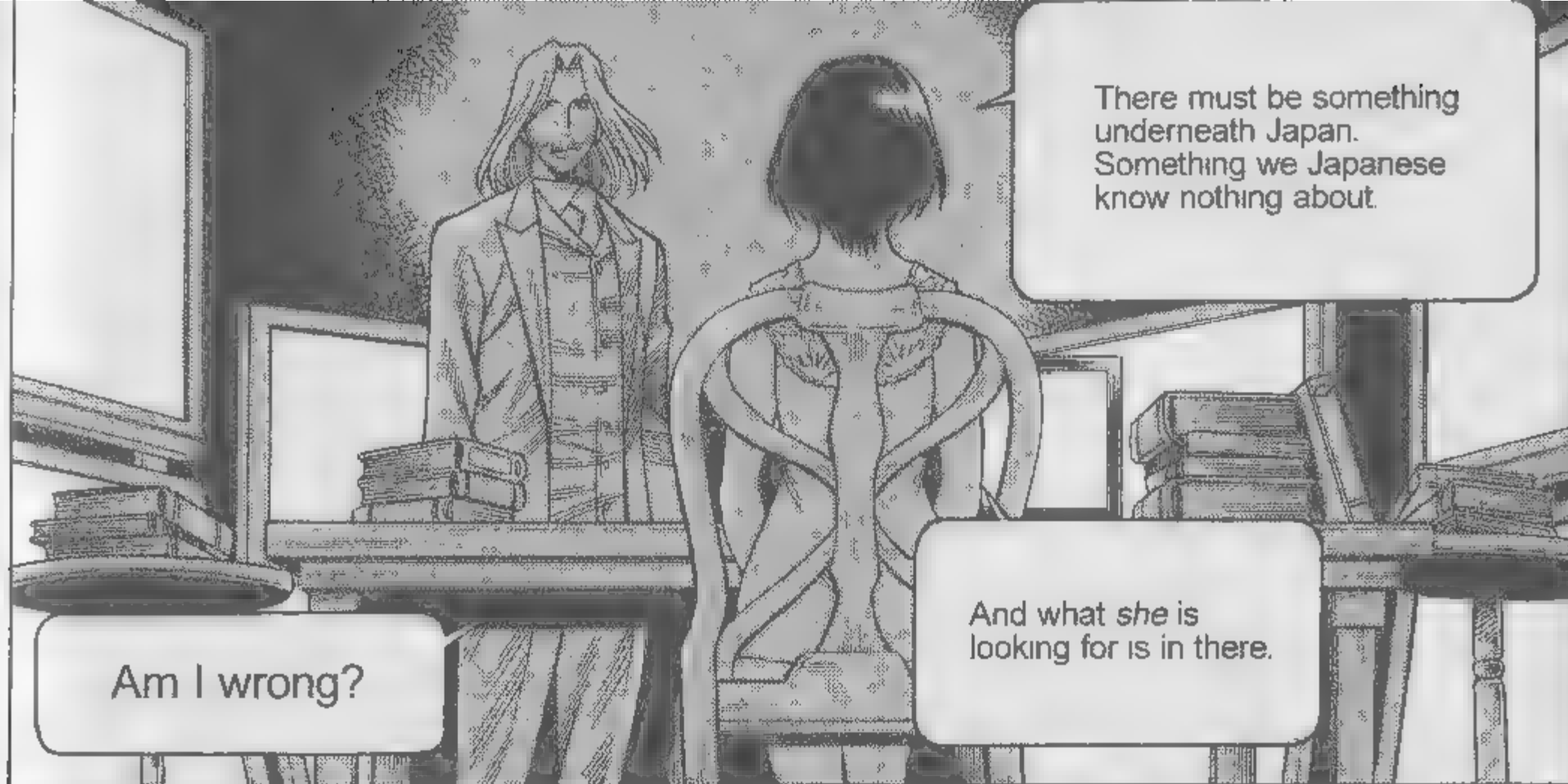
And thanks to numerous eruptions in its history, there are *hundreds* of caves dotting its slopes. It is said that people would explore these caves as a form of spiritual training

Then there is the ancient Chinese myth of the Emperor of Qin, who asked the sage Xu Fu to bring him the Elixir of Life from Penglai Mountain. Later historians suggest that the "Penglai Mountain" that Xu Fu found was actually Mt. Fuji



Taken as a whole

these stories seem to point at a wide belief that something under Mt. Fuji will give people immortality!



There must be something underneath Japan. Something we Japanese know nothing about.

Am I wrong?

And what *she* is looking for is in there.



I wouldn't have found anything if some mysterious benefactor hadn't given these reports to me.



I didn't "arrive" at anything. I just connected the dots hidden inside of them.

Besides .




YOU ARRIVED AT THAT CONCLUSION AFTER LOOKING AT JUST THESE FEW REPORTS?




BUT
THAT
WAS A
LONG
TIME
AGO...

ALMOST
TWO
HUNDRED
YEARS,
TO BE
EXACT.



YOU BELIEVE
ABSOLUTELY
THAT HIME-
SAMA WILL
RETURN,
AND ALL
YOU HAVE
TO DO IS
WAIT FOR
HER.

HUH.
NO
DOUBT
AT ALL,
EH?
YOUR
EYES
HOLD
NONE.



LOOKING
AT YOU HAS
REMINDED
ME THAT
ONCE, I TOO
WAS AS
DOUBTLESS
AS YOU.

I
SHOULD
THANK
YOU, I
GUESS.





UPON HEARING THE NEWS, SHE
WENT TO THE HOSPITAL AND
STAYED FOR FOUR AND FOUR
HOURS.

FROM HER
RESCUERS
DURING THE
FIGHTING. WHEN
SETTLED, NO SIGN



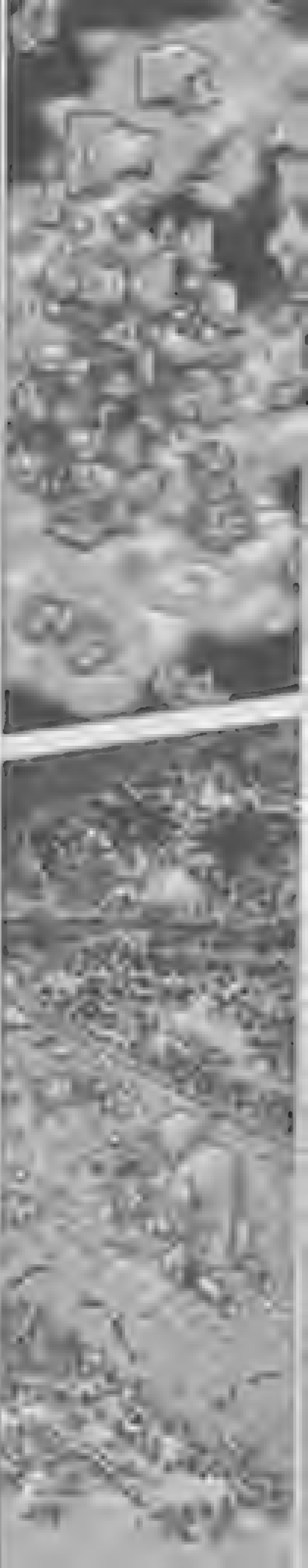
THE
FIGHTING

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FIGHTING



BUT ONE YEAR OF
SEARCHING BECAME
TWO, BECAME FIVE,
TEN, FIFTEEN. TIME
FLEW BY, TAUNTING
US WITH ITS PASSAGE,
AS HOPE TURNED
INTO A DESPAIR THAT
GNAWED AT OUR
HEARTS.

MY FATHER
AND I
SEARCHED
FOR HER
MAJESTY
EVERYWHERE,
OUR NOSES
TO THE DIRT,
ALMOST LIKE
DOGS.

THE
PROMISE
HER
MAJESTY
MADE WITH
ME ON A
WHIM.

ONLY ONE
THING KEPT
MINE FROM
BREAKING
COMPLETELY

"IT WILL
BE OUR
PROMISE,
THEN."

AT THE TIME,
SHE WAS IN
THE CARE
OF AN OLD
WOMAN, LIVING
DEEP IN THE
FORESTS OF
NORTHERN
FRANCE.

HER MAJESTY
WAS BEING
HIDDEN BY
BENEVOLENT
HUMANS,
MOVING FROM
ONE HOME TO
THE NEXT,
ATTEMPTING TO
AVOID ANY
RISK OF
CAPTURE.

THEN ONE
DAY, WE
RECEIVED
NEWS OF HER
MAJESTY'S
WHEREABOUTS
FROM AN
UNEXPECTED
SOURCE.

ONE OF MY
FATHER'S
AGENTS HAD
INFILTRATED
ROZENMANN'S
CLAN AS A
SPY, AND HE
GAVE HIS LIFE
BRINGING US
THE NEWS.

YOU SEE,
ROZENMANN
WAS
TURNING
EUROPE
INSIDE OUT
AS WELL,
LOOKING
FOR HER
MAJESTY. IT
SEEMS HE
HAD MORE
LUCK.



THEY WERE
GATHERING
AT THE
MARTIN LUTHER
KING JR. MUSEUM
IN NEW YORK
CITY

THEY WERE
GATHERING
AT THE
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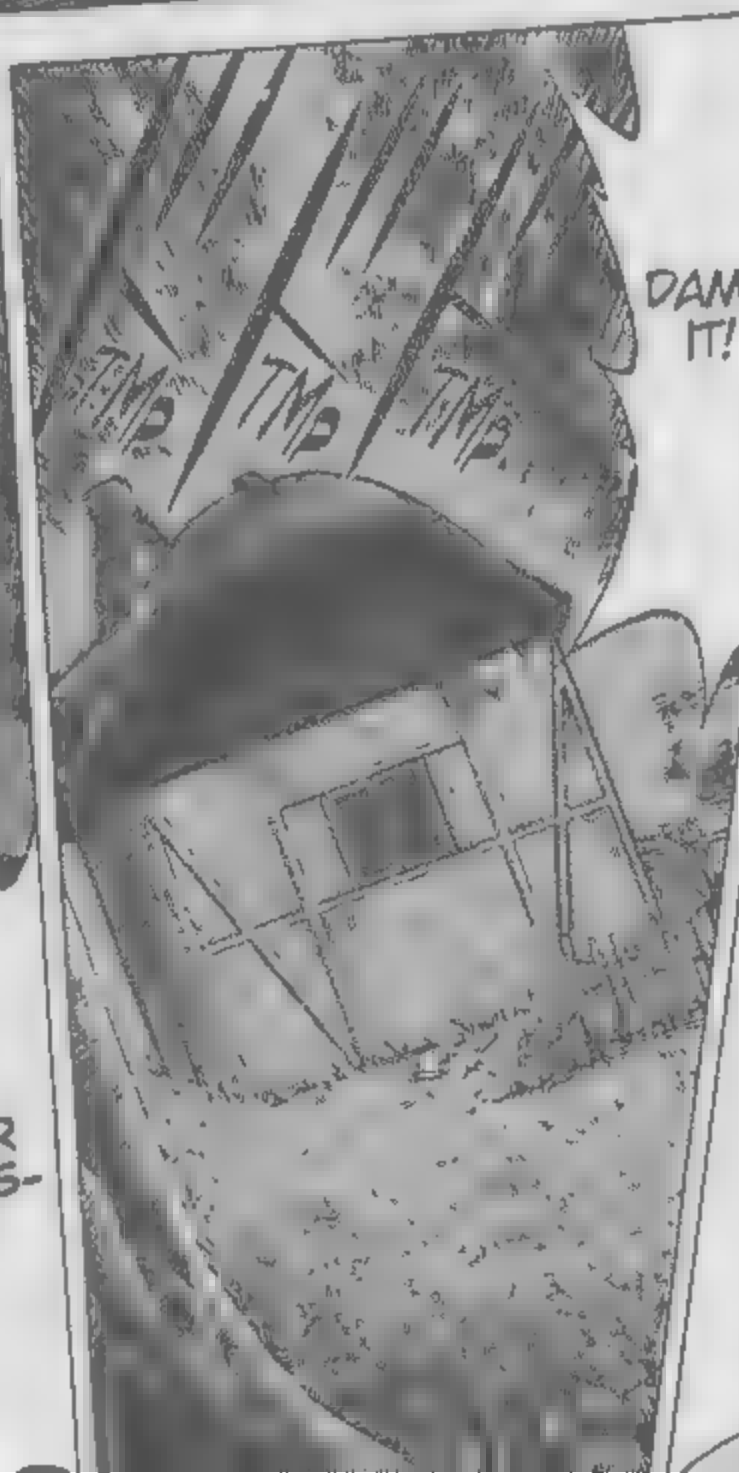


THIS IS
HOW THE
LORDS OF
BORGIANI
DIE!!

ENGRAVE
THIS
SIGHT
UPON
YOUR
SOUL,
MY SON!



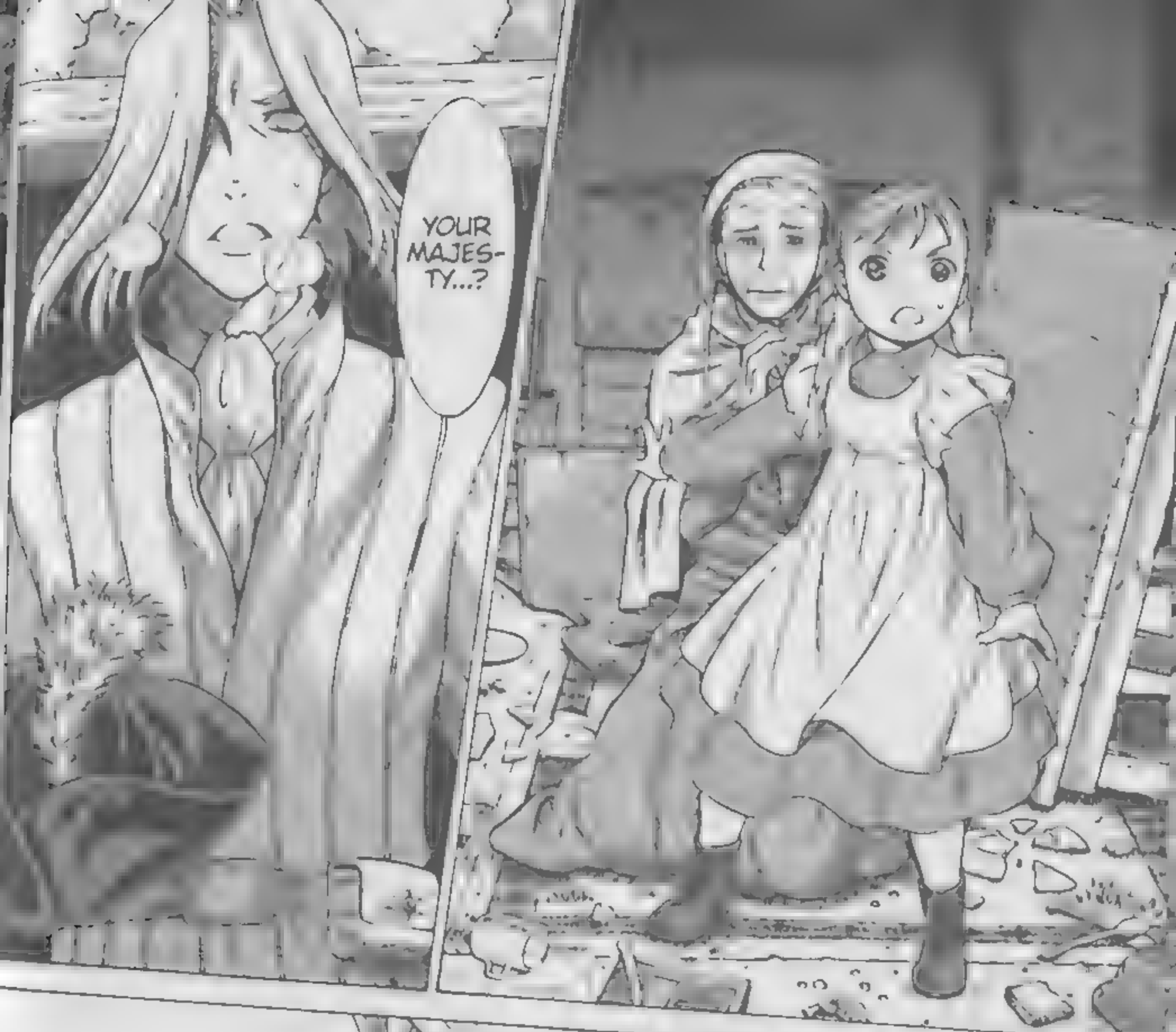
YOUR
MAJES-
TY!

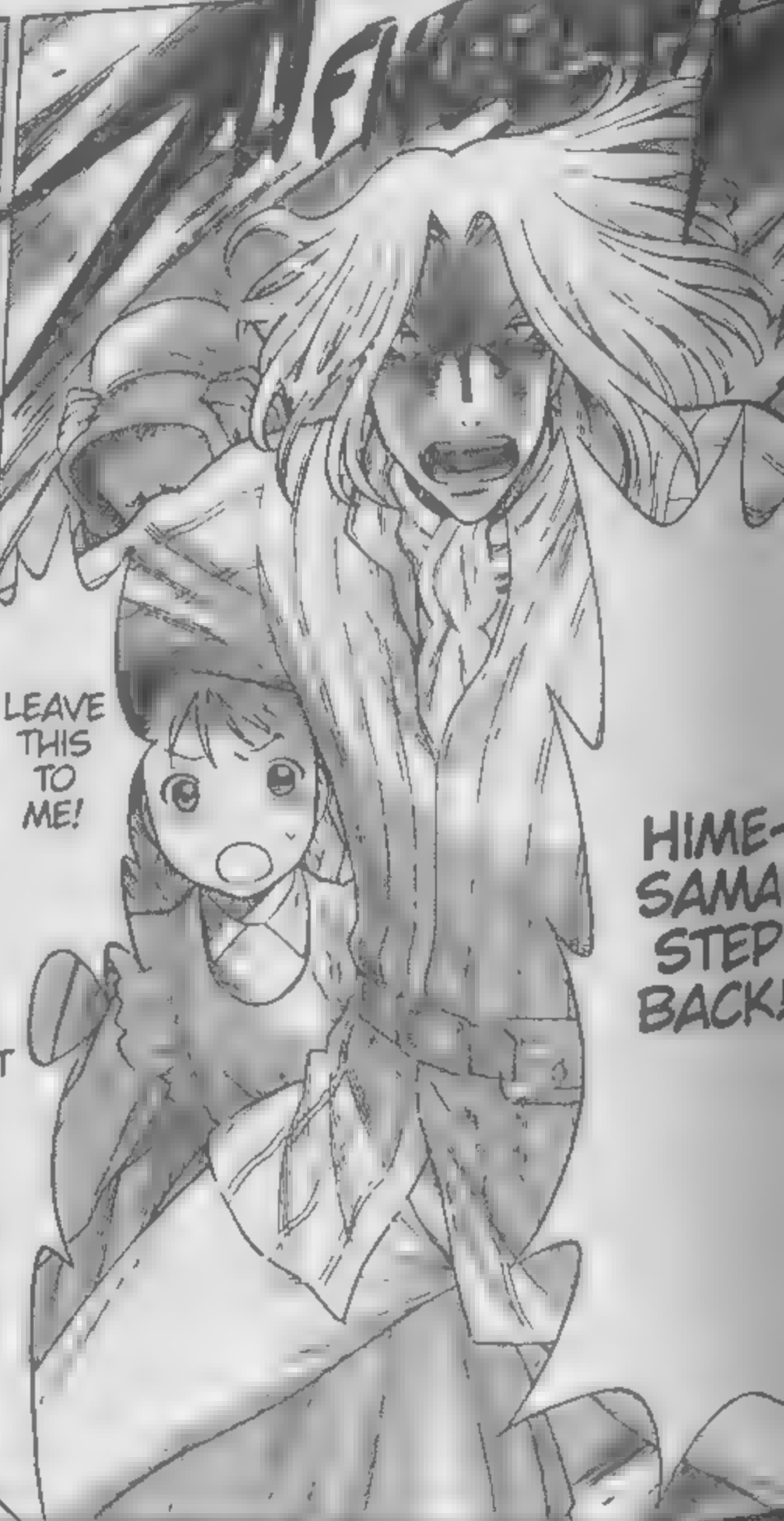


DAMN
IT!



FATHER!!

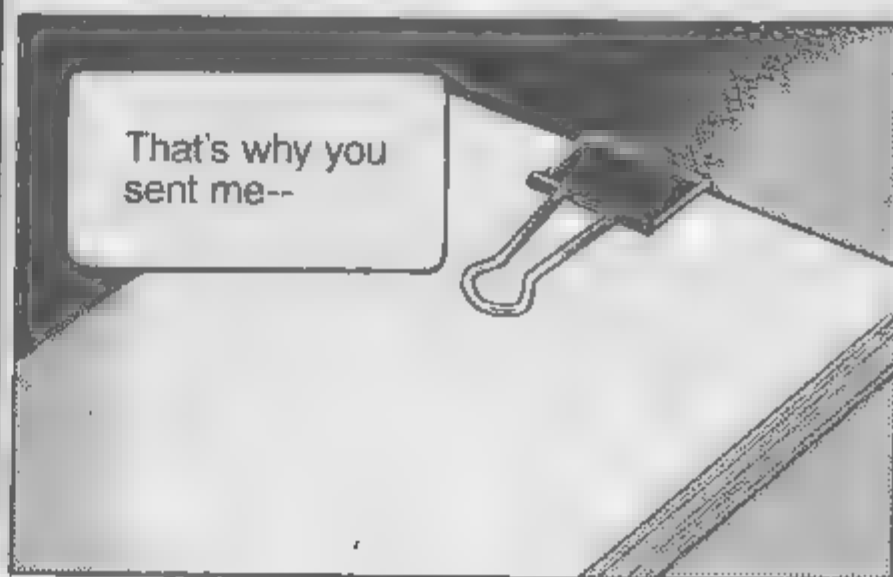
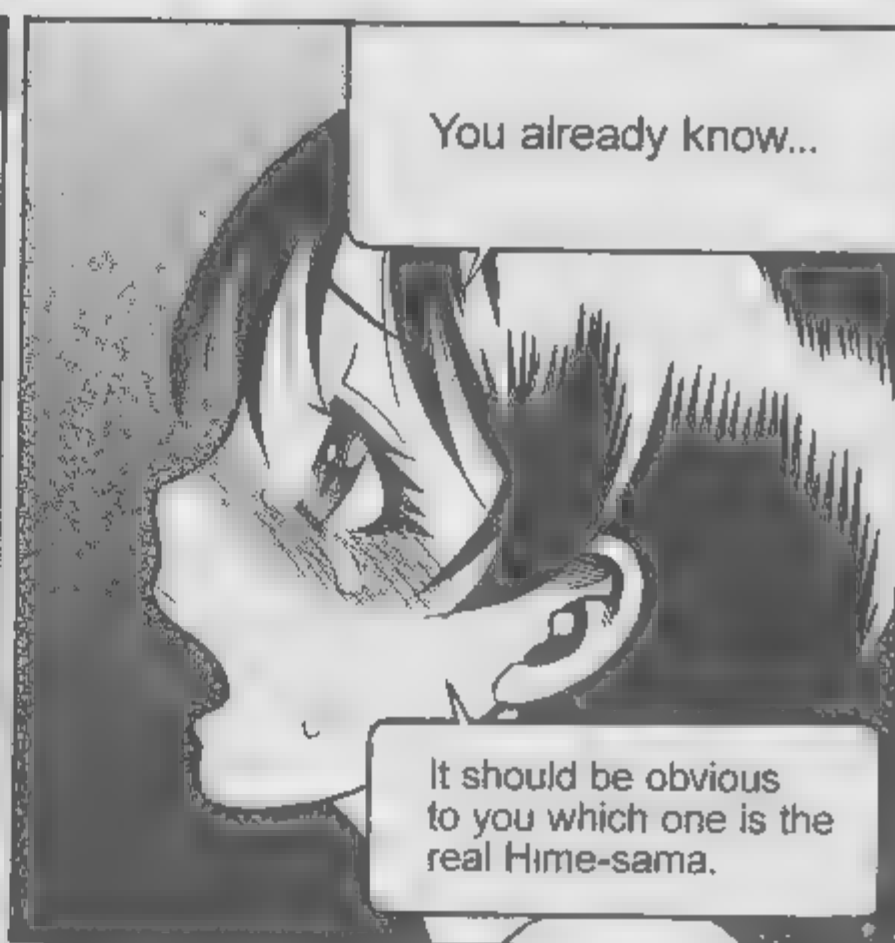
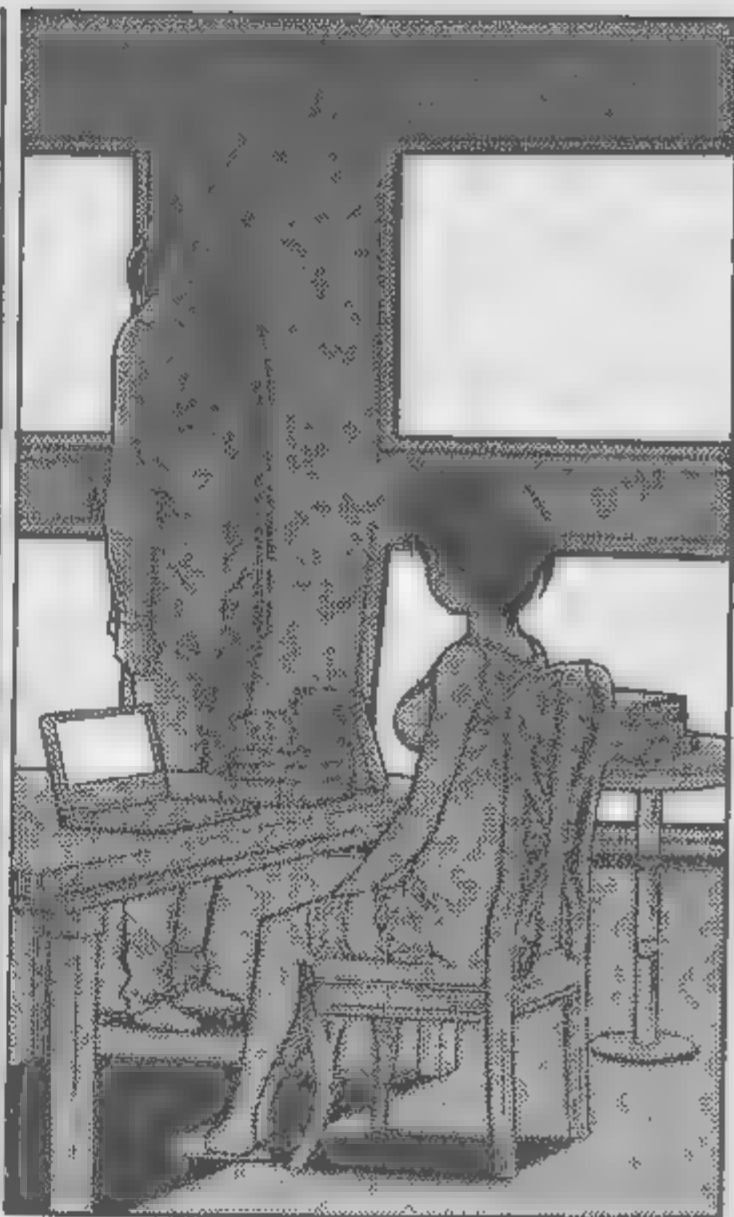


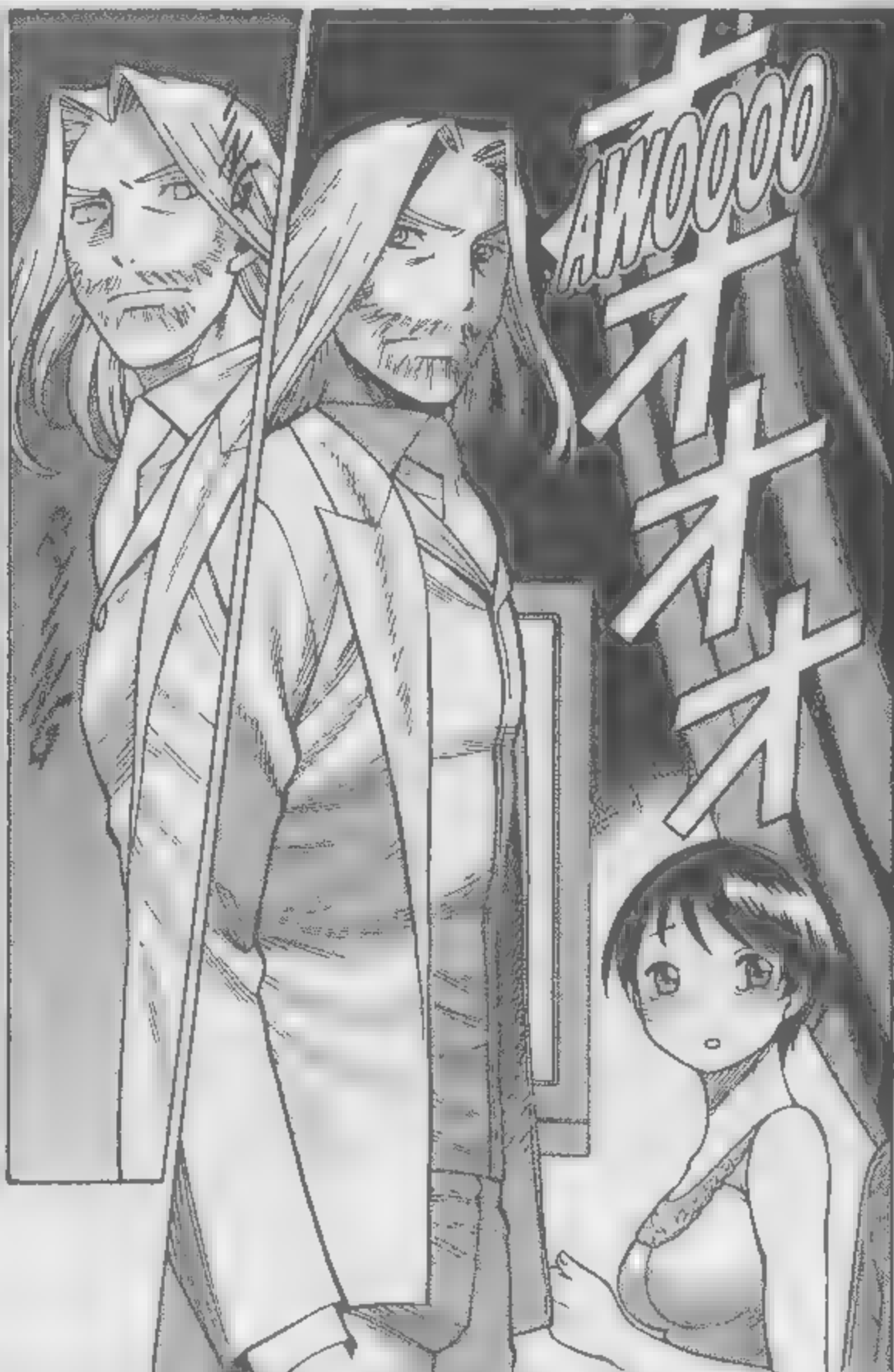


LEAVE
THIS
TO
ME!

I WILL
PROTECT
YOU,
EVEN
IF IT
MEANS
MY
LIFE!!

HIME-
SAMA
STEP
BACK!







IT WON'T
BE LONG
BEFORE
THE FIGHT
BECOMES
SERIOUS.
I NEED
YOU IN
THE CIC.
NOW.

A SKIRMISH
HAS JUST
BROKEN OUT
BETWEEN
THEM AND
THE VGS I
STATIONED
AT THE
TUNNEL'S
GATE.



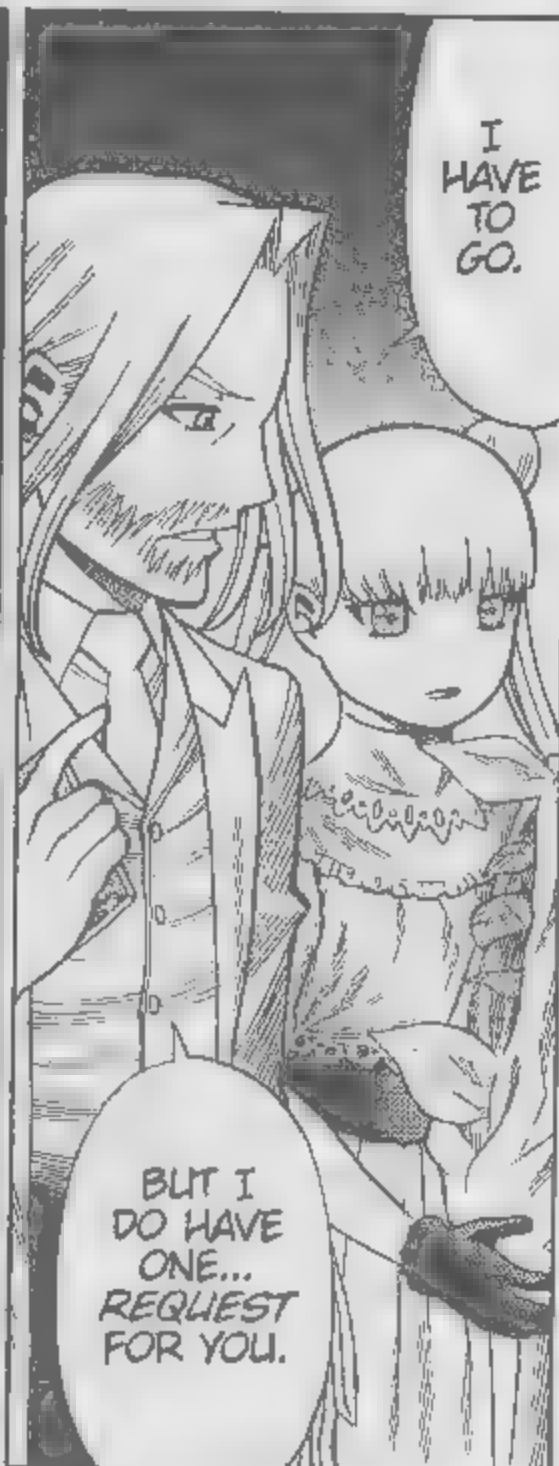
BEOWULF
HAS
ALREADY
STORMED
THE
TUNNEL
FROM THE
MAINLAND.



I WOULD
LIKE YOU
TO HOLD
ONTO
THIS FOR
ME.



HERE
...



I
HAVE
TO
GO.

BUT I
DO HAVE
ONE...
REQUEST
FOR YOU.

特区監督庁臨時指揮所

SPECIAL DISTRICT POLICE TEMPORARY HQ

WE SHOVED AS MANY OF THEM INTO THAT NARROW TUNNEL AS WE COULD, AND THEY'RE MAKING A WHOLE HELLUVA LOTTA NOISE.

AND THAT'S WHAT WE WANT. THE MORE EYE-GRAB-BING THEY ARE, THE BETTER.

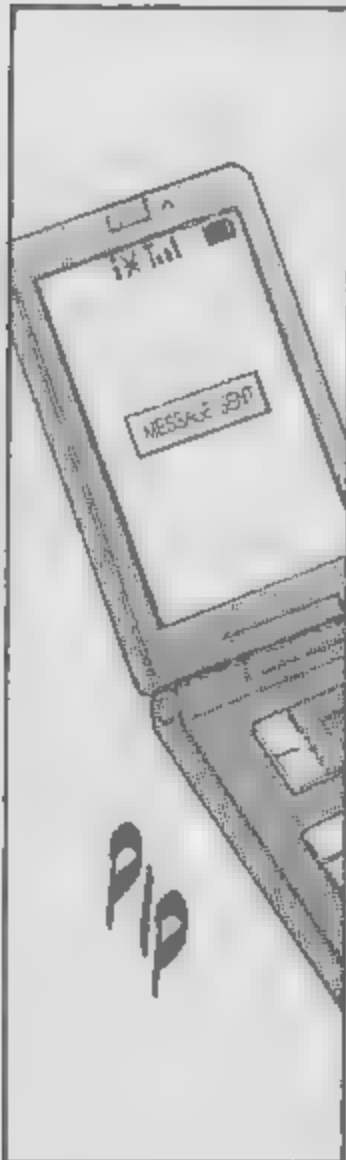
HOW LONG HAS IT BEEN SINCE BEOWULF BEGAN FIGHTING?

TWENTY MINUTES.

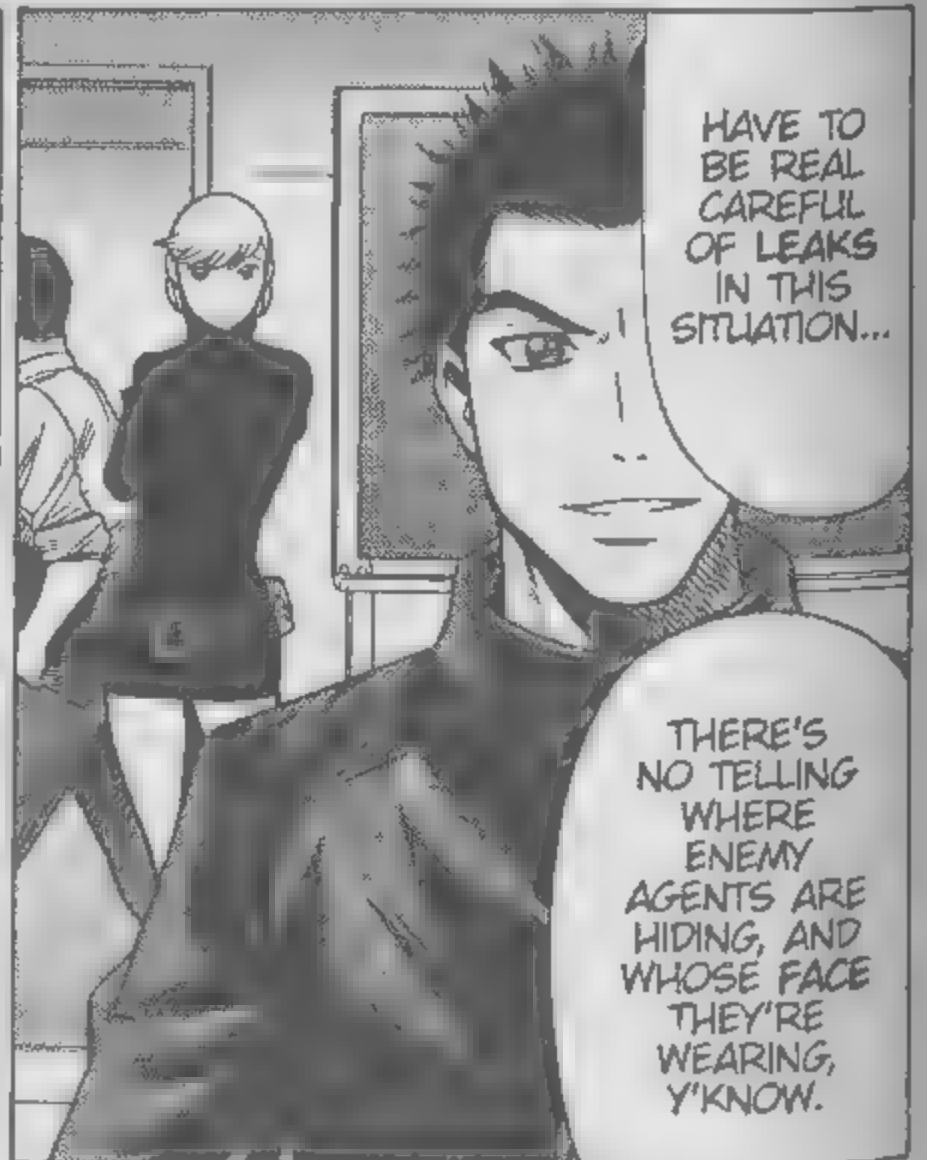


NOT ONE DAMN THING.

WHAT HAVE WE HEARD FROM MINA-HIME?



Pip



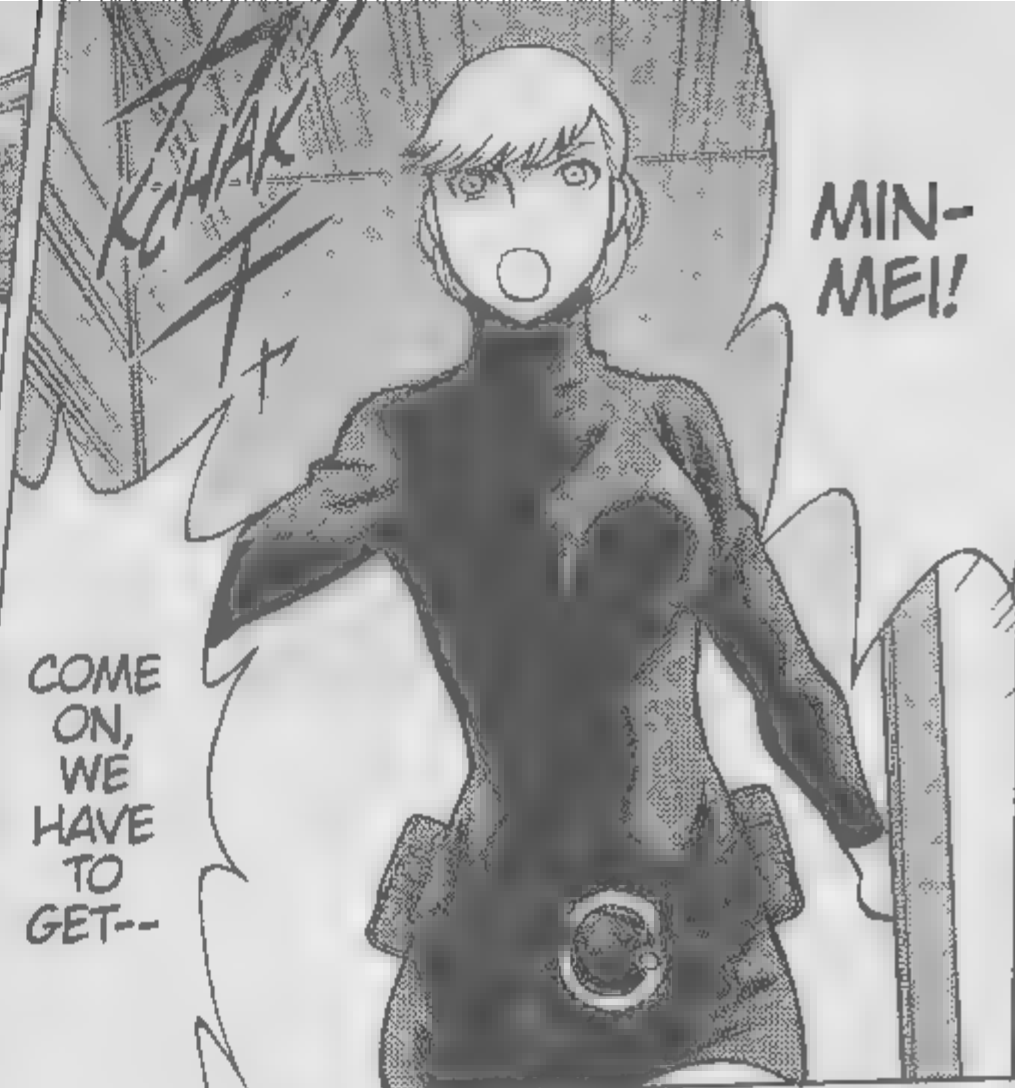
HAVE TO BE REAL CAREFUL OF LEAKS IN THIS SITUATION...

THERE'S NO TELLING WHERE ENEMY AGENTS ARE HIDING, AND WHOSE FACE THEY'RE WEARING, Y'KNOW.



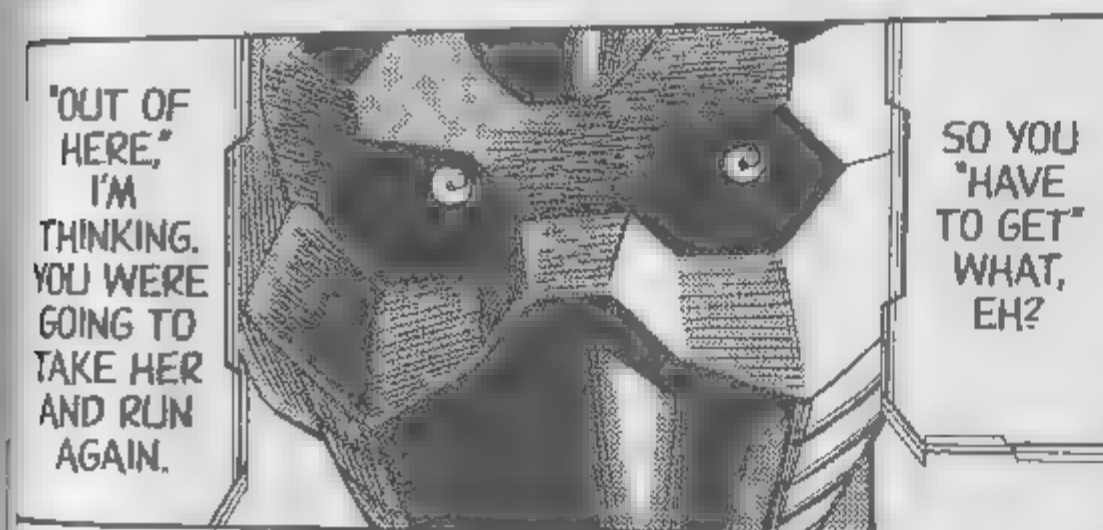
MINMEI?

.....



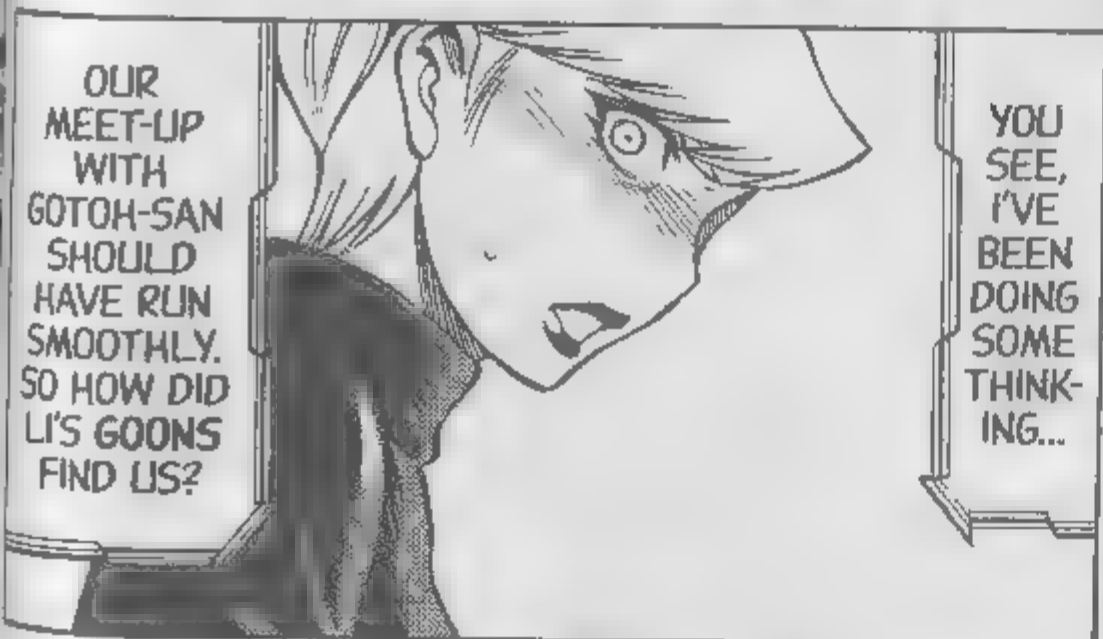
MIN-
MEI!

COME
ON,
WE
HAVE
TO
GET--



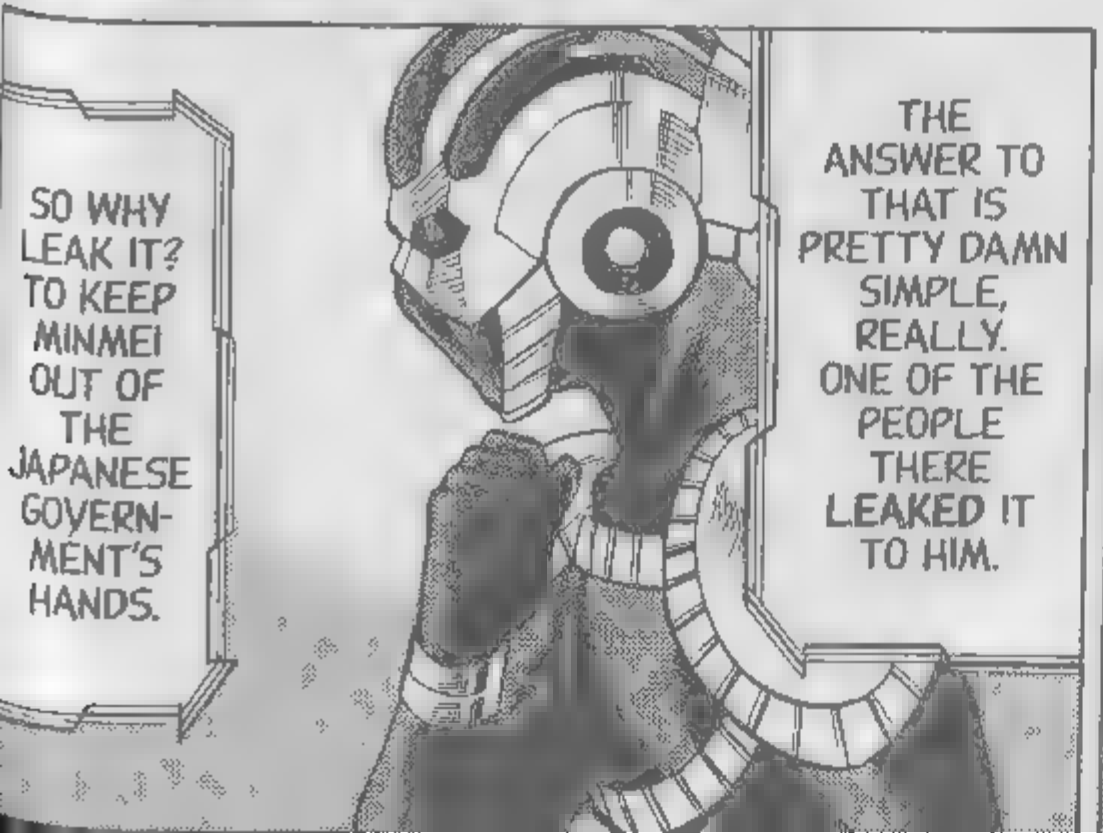
"OUT OF
HERE,"
I'M
THINKING.
YOU WERE
GOING TO
TAKE HER
AND RUN
AGAIN.

SO YOU
"HAVE
TO GET"
WHAT,
EH?



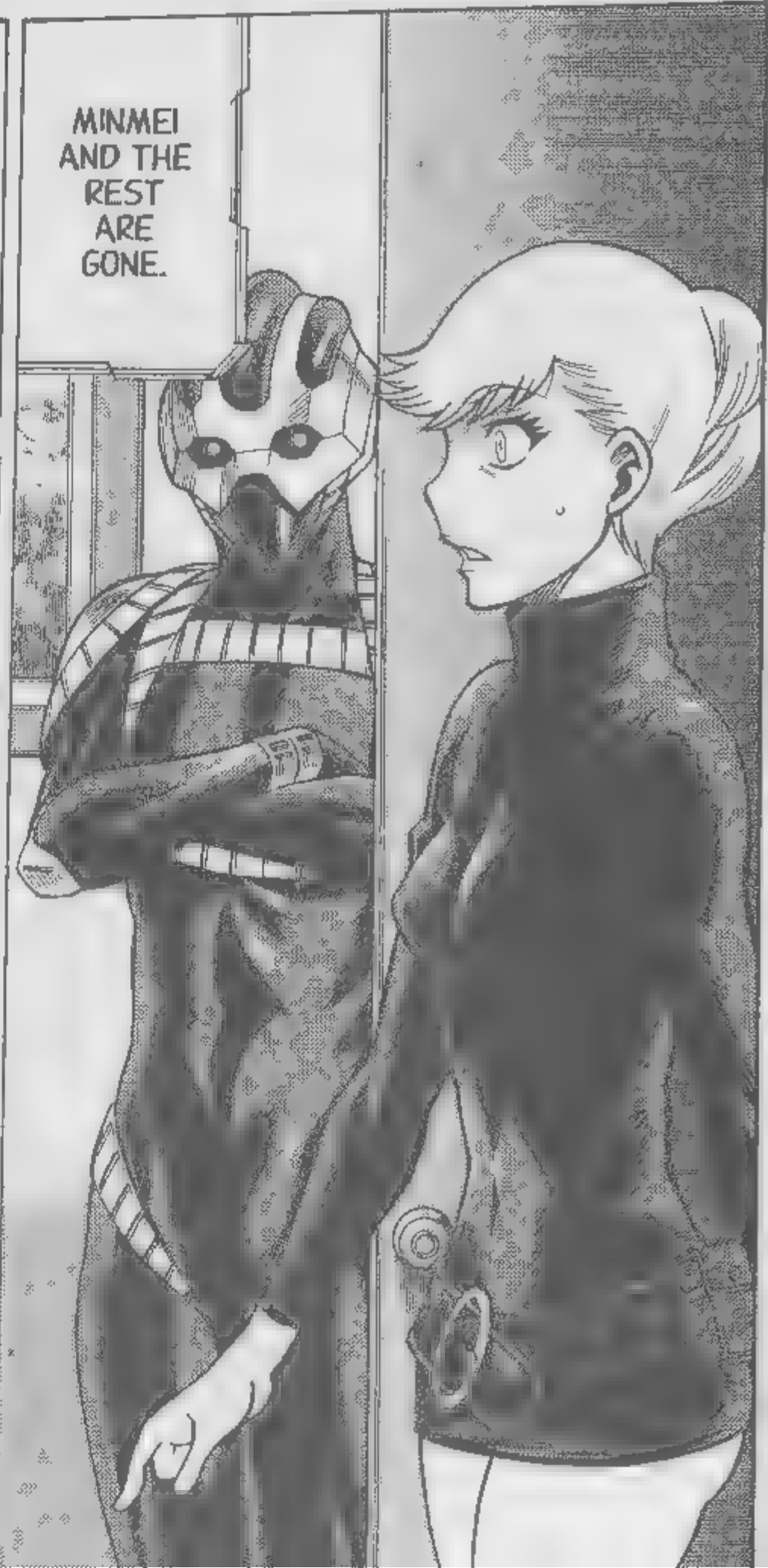
OUR
MEET-UP
WITH
GOTOH-SAN
SHOULD
HAVE RUN
SMOOTHLY.
SO HOW DID
LI'S GOONS
FIND US?

YOU
SEE,
I'VE
BEEN
DOING
SOME
THINK-
ING...



SO WHY
LEAK IT?
TO KEEP
MINMEI
OUT OF
THE
JAPANESE
GOVERN-
MENT'S
HANDS.

THE
ANSWER TO
THAT IS
PRETTY DAMN
SIMPLE,
REALLY.
ONE OF THE
PEOPLE
THERE
LEAKED IT
TO HIM.



MINMEI
AND THE
REST
ARE
GONE.

THIS LEAK
WASN'T
AT ALL
EXPECTING
SOMEONE
AS BIG AS
COUNCILOR
RYUU TO
SHOW UP.

R I G H T ?

H O W -
E V E R
...

JUST
LIKE SHE'S
DONE
MULTIPLE
TIMES
ALREADY.

WHOEVER
THE LEAK WAS,
THEY PROBABLY
EXPECTED TO
QUIETLY SLIP
AWAY WHILE
WE FOUGHT
LI'S GOONS,
TAKING MINMEI
WITH HER.

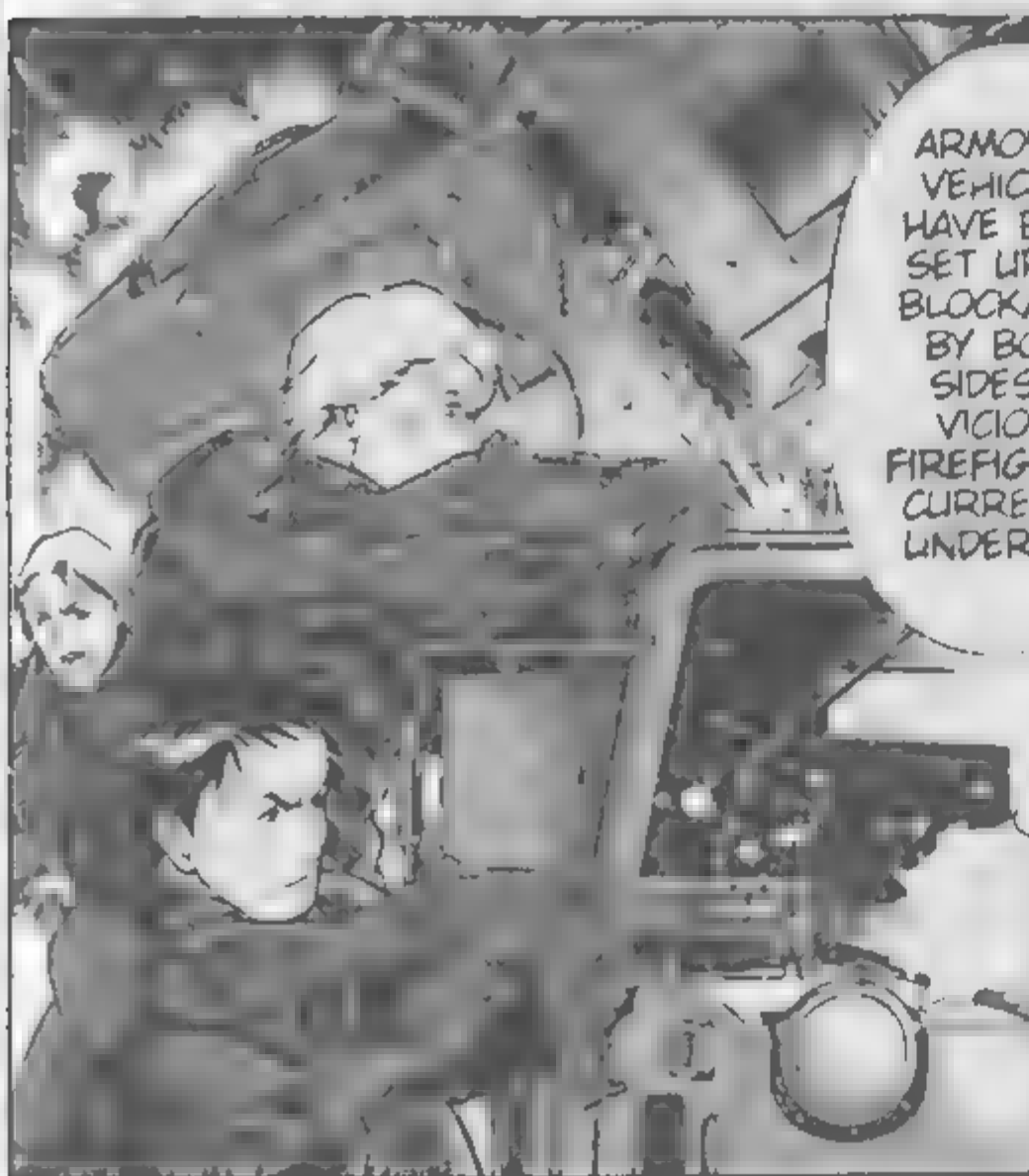
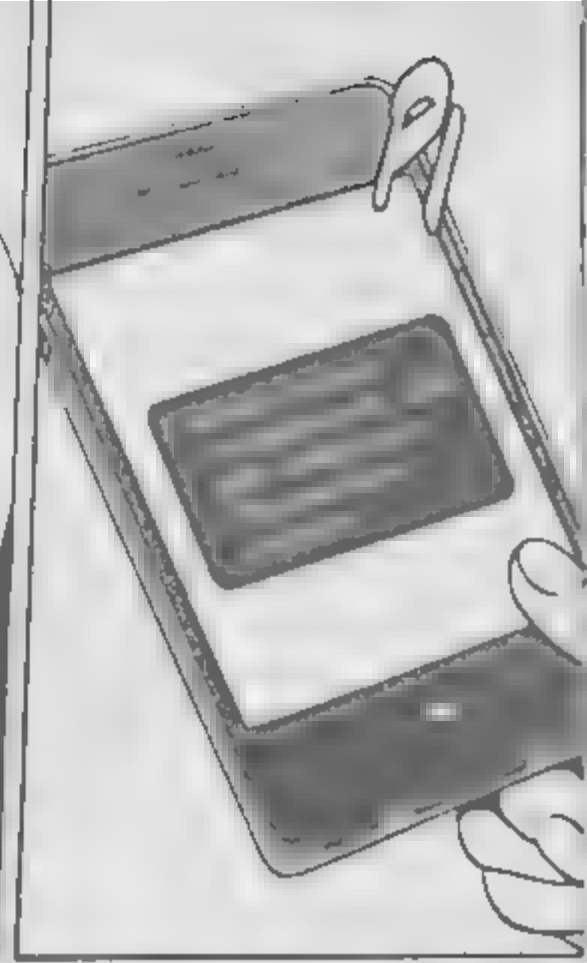
WHO
ARE
YOU?

WAIT
JUST
ONE
MINUTE...

THAT,
MISS
LEAK...

IS
MY
LINE
!!

FLASH





NO,
YOUR
MAJESTY.
ALL
RADARS
QUIET!

IS
SOME-
THING
THE
MATTER,
YOUR
MAJESTY
?



AIR
DE-
FENSE
CON-
TROL!

IS THERE
ANY SIGN OF
INCOMING
AIRCRAFT?!



RECALL ALL
OF OUR UNITS
FROM THERE
AT ONCE!!
THEIR TRUE
ASSAULT IS
COMING
FROM--

THE
TUNNEL
IS A
DISTRAC-
TION!

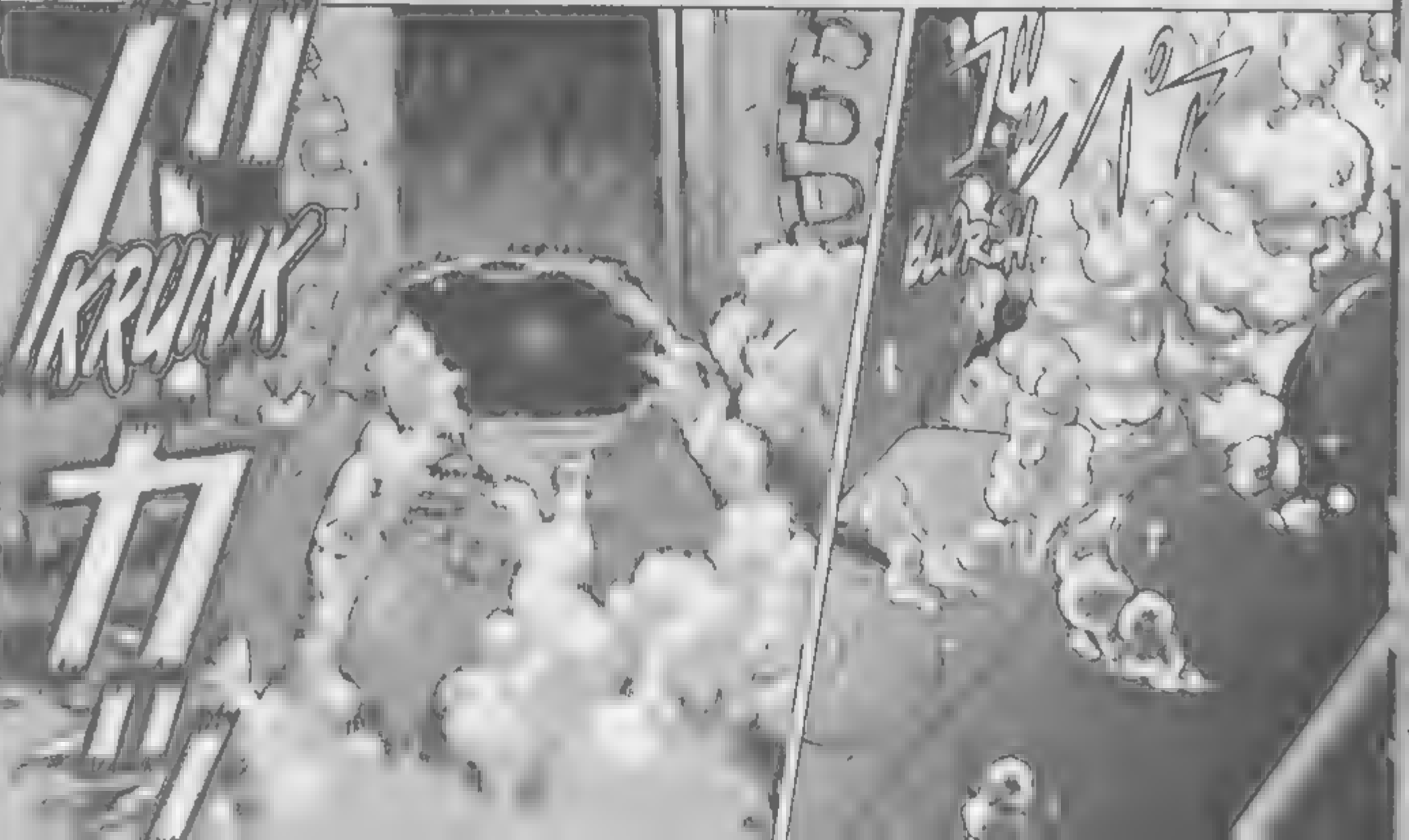
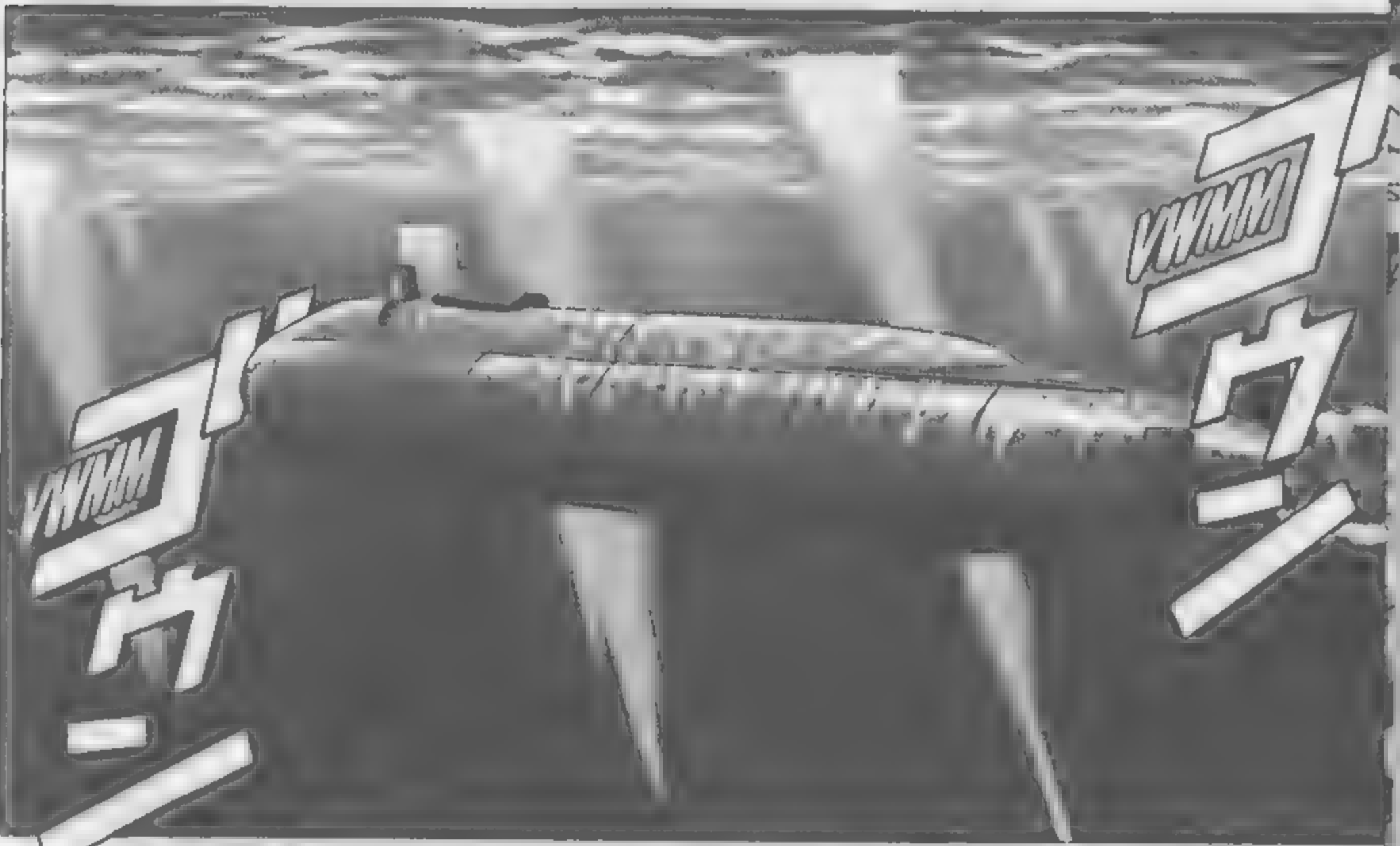
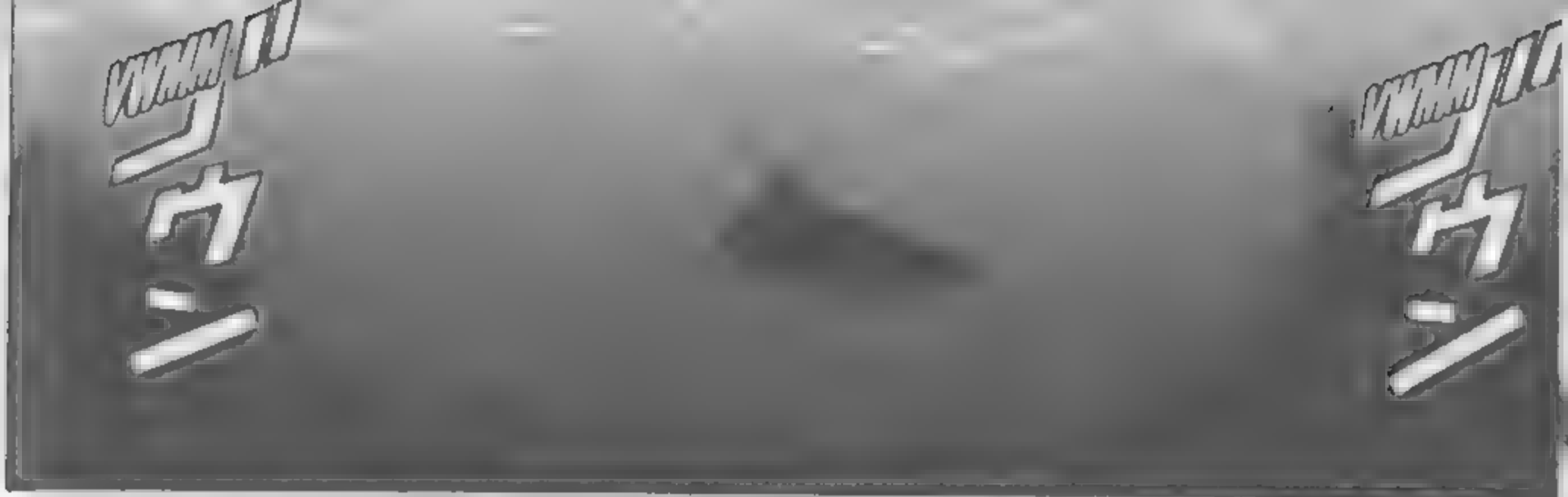


BUT IT
ISN'T
FROM
THE AIR
DEFENSE
RADARS,
YOUR
MAJESTY!

IT'S
FROM
THE
ACTIVE
SONAR
IN THE
BAY!



WE
HAVE
A
PING!





SHE'S
GOING
TO
DESTROY
HER
OWN
CASTLE?!

SUBMARINE
MISSILES
LAUNCHED!
MULTIPLE
SLBMs
CONFIRMED
!!

SHE
WOULDN'T
--!



CIWS
PREPAR-
ING TO
INTER-
CEPT!!

THEY'RE
ON A
DIRECT
COURSE
FOR THIS
LOCATION!

WHAT
?!





YOUR
MAJESTY,
THE
THE
MINUTES
HAVE JUST
SEEN
DESTRUCT-
ED IN
RAGE!



THEY
WHAT
...?



WAIT,
I'VE
GOT
VISUAL!

WHAT
IS ALL
THIS
?!

WHAT THE
HECK...?
I'M SEEING
DOZENS
OF TINY
BLIPS!

SOMETHING'S
COMING OUT
OF THE
SMOKE...
IT LOOKS
LIKE
HUNDREDS
OF
SHADOWS!!

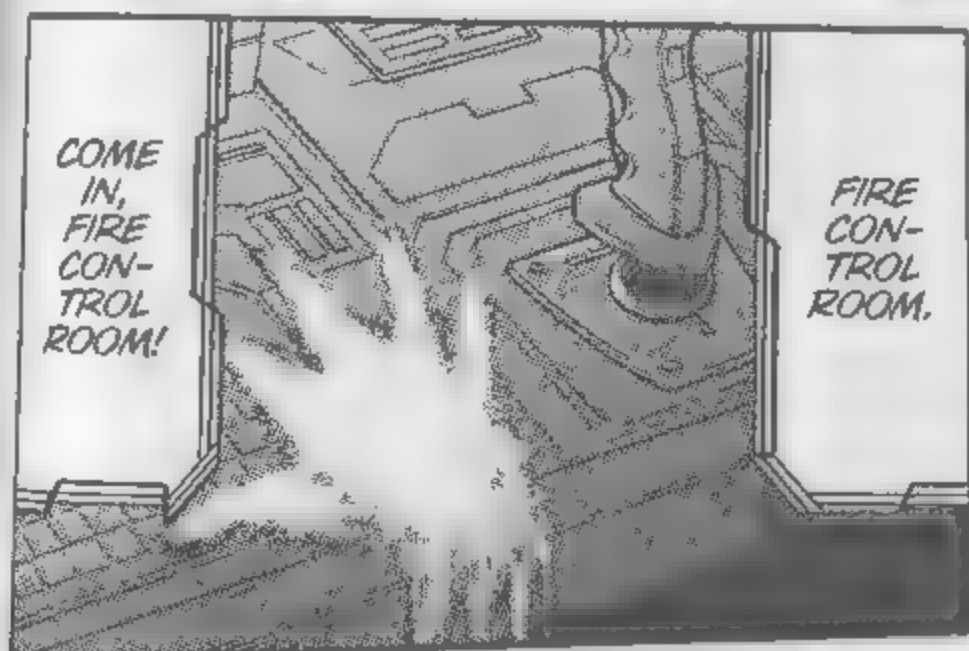
WHOOOSH





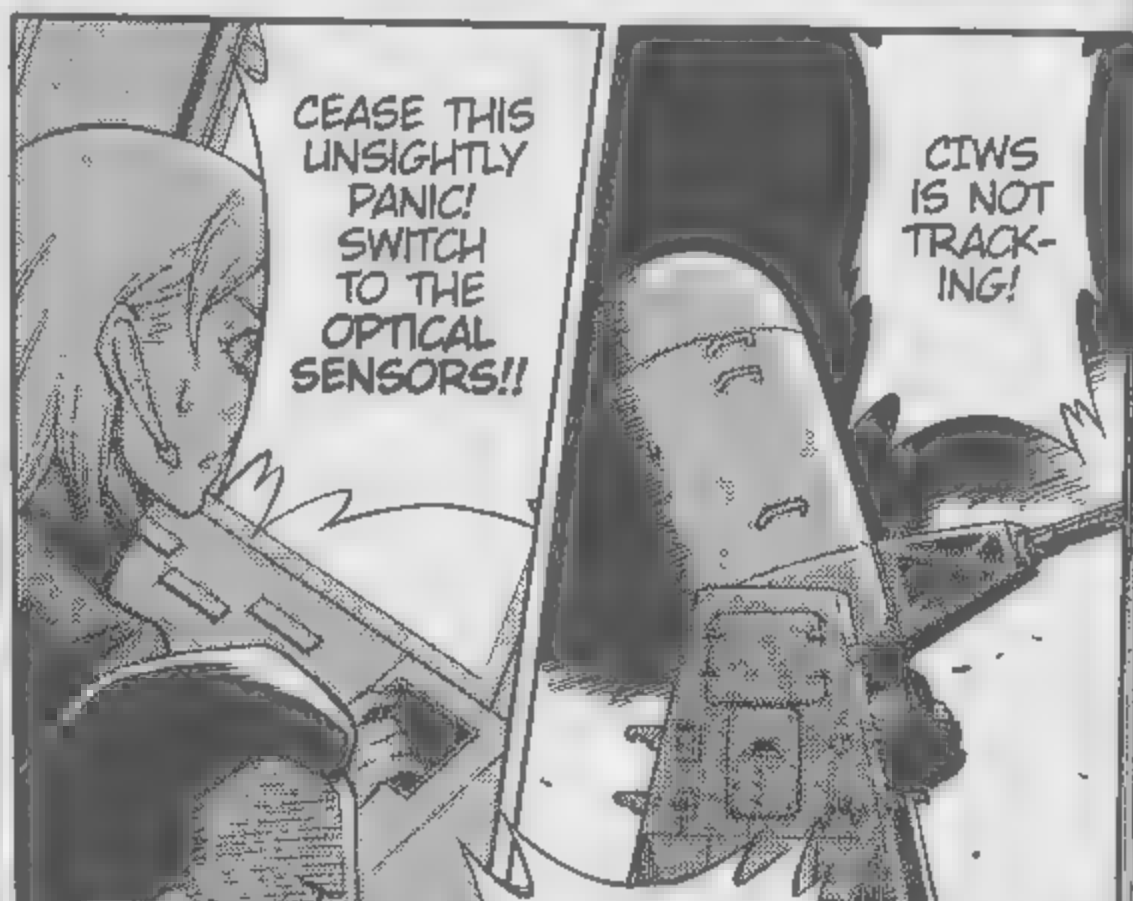
IT'S
MINA-
HIME!

YOUR
MAJES-
TY,
LOOK!



COME
IN,
FIRE
CON-
TROL
ROOM!

FIRE
CON-
TROL
ROOM.



CEASE THIS
UNSIGHTLY
PANIC!
SWITCH
TO THE
OPTICAL
SENSORS!!

CIWS
IS NOT
TRACK-
ING!



REPEAT,
CIWS IS
NOT REC-
OGNIZING
THEIR SIL-
HOUETTES
AS VIABLE
TARGETS!

THAT
SHOULD GIVE
THE FIRE
CONTROL
ROOM
VISUAL
CONTROL
OVER TAR-
GETING.

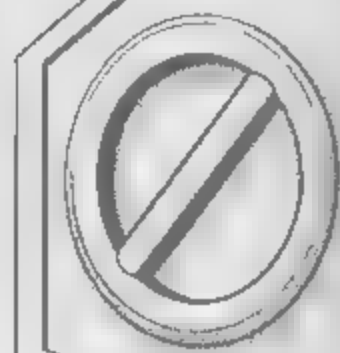


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PRISONER :
W.V.Regendor

UNLOCK

empires, contrary to Werewolves, are a form
of evolved human. Makin's
only predator. Unlike compared to humans,
empires emotion. An emotion entirely more
causing many vamps

CLANK





EVERY-
ONE,
FOLLOW
ME!

THE
CITY'S
DEFENSE
SYSTEM

WE
GO TO
RE-
CLAIM
MY
CASTLE
!!

WE HAVE
MADE IT
THROUGH
THE AIR
DEFENSE
SYSTEM



ENEMY STRIKE TEAM?

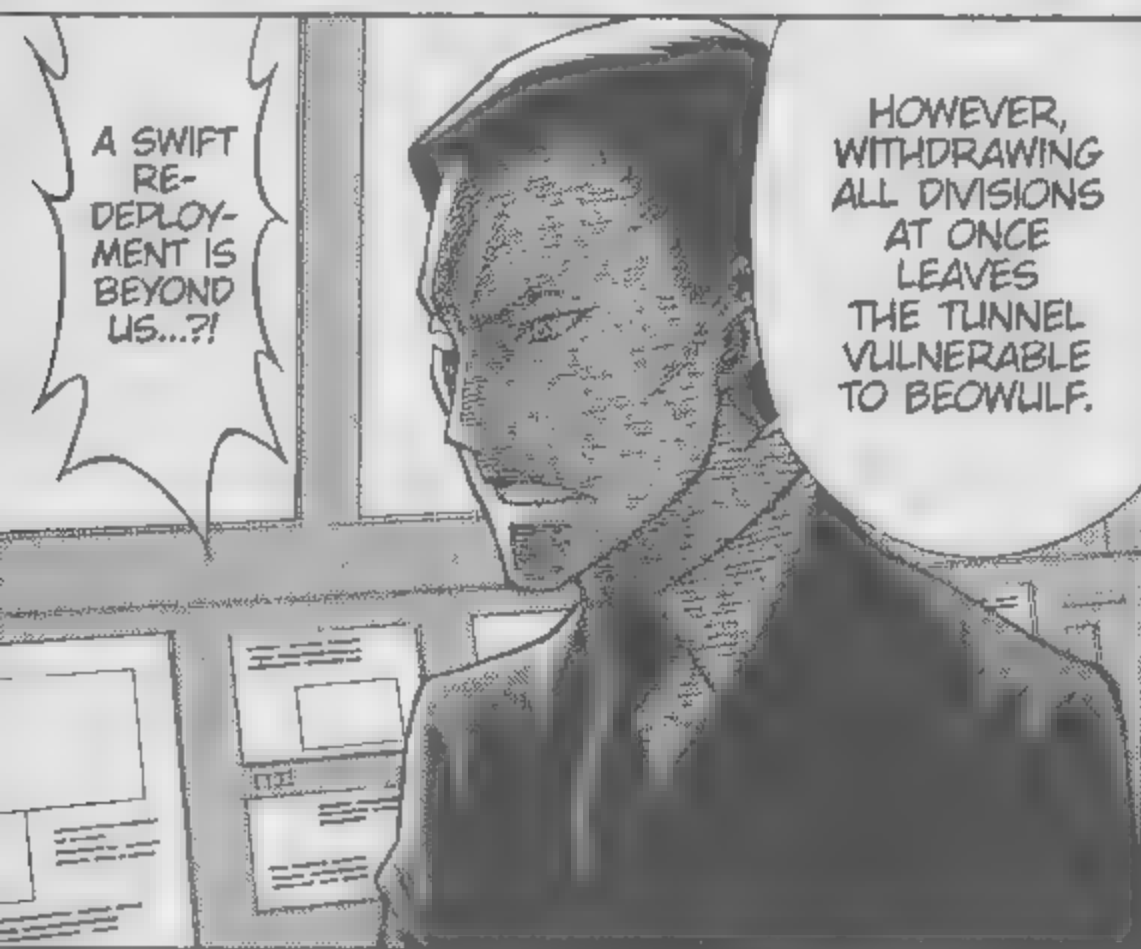
B-BUT THAT'S PRINCESS MINA!

I... I KNOW, BUT...!



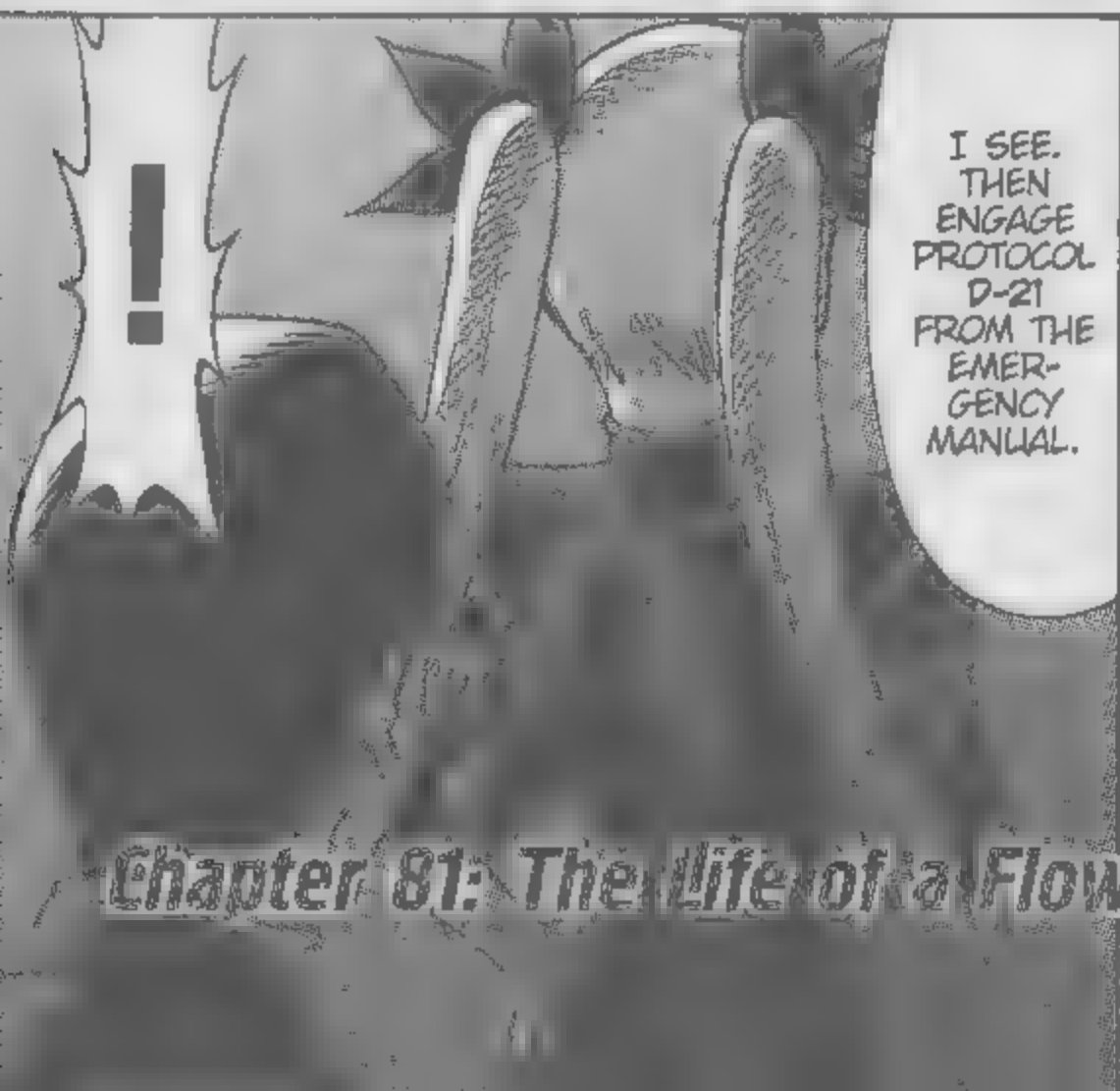
WE HAVE NO MEANS OF COUNTER-ATTACK!

ENEMY STRIKE TEAM APPROACHING THE GOVERNMENT BUILDING AT SPEED!



A SWIFT RE-DEPLOYMENT IS BEYOND US...?!

HOWEVER, WITHDRAWING ALL DIVISIONS AT ONCE LEAVES THE TUNNEL VULNERABLE TO BEOWULF.



I SEE. THEN ENGAGE PROTOCOL D-21 FROM THE EMERGENCY MANUAL.



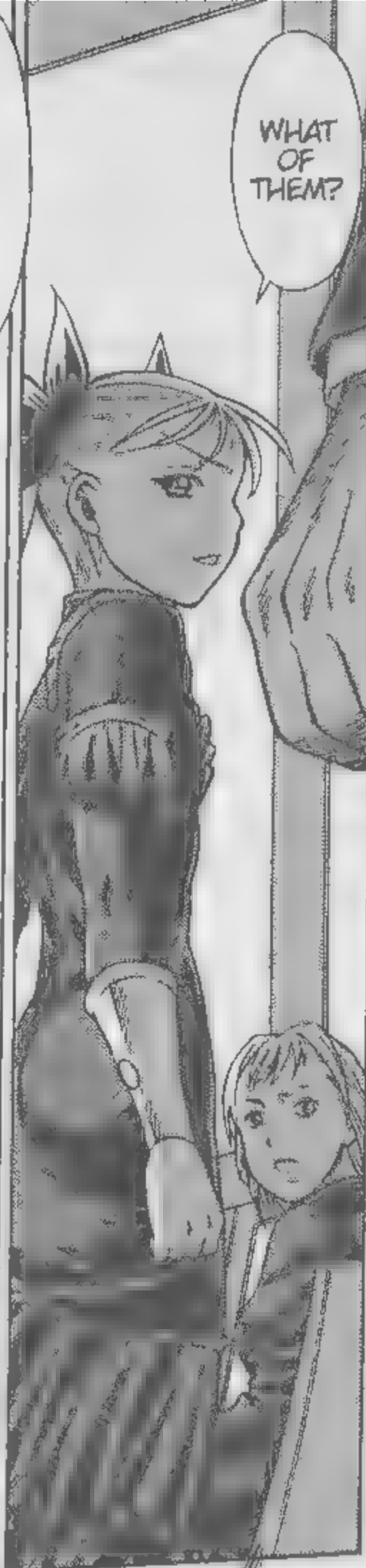
WITHDRAW THE VGS FROM THE TUNNEL IMMEDIATELY, AND DEPLOY THEM IN DEFENSE OF THIS BUILDING!

ERM... WE ARE ALREADY DOING SO WITH ALL HASTE, YOUR MAJESTY.

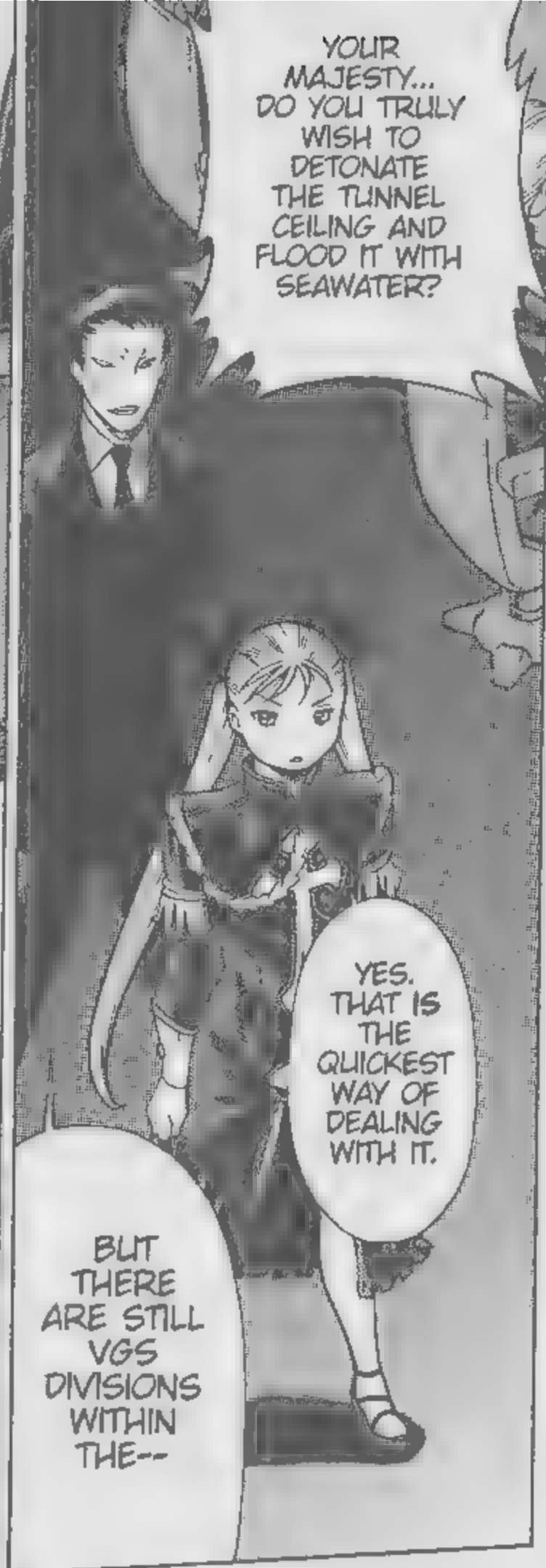


WELL
...?

I JUST
GAVE
YOU AN
ORDER.



WHAT
OF
THEM?



YOUR
MAJESTY...
DO YOU TRULY
WISH TO
DETONATE
THE TUNNEL
CEILING AND
FLOOD IT WITH
SEAWATER?

YES.
THAT IS
THE
QUICKEST
WAY OF
DEALING
WITH IT.

BUT
THERE
ARE STILL
VGS
DIVISIONS
WITHIN
THE--



P-
PROTOCOL
D-21...



TAKKA

TAKKA

JOLT

TAKKA

DO
IT!!



A-A
MASSIVE
SILVER
WEREWOLF
IS LOOSE
IN THE
BUILDING!!

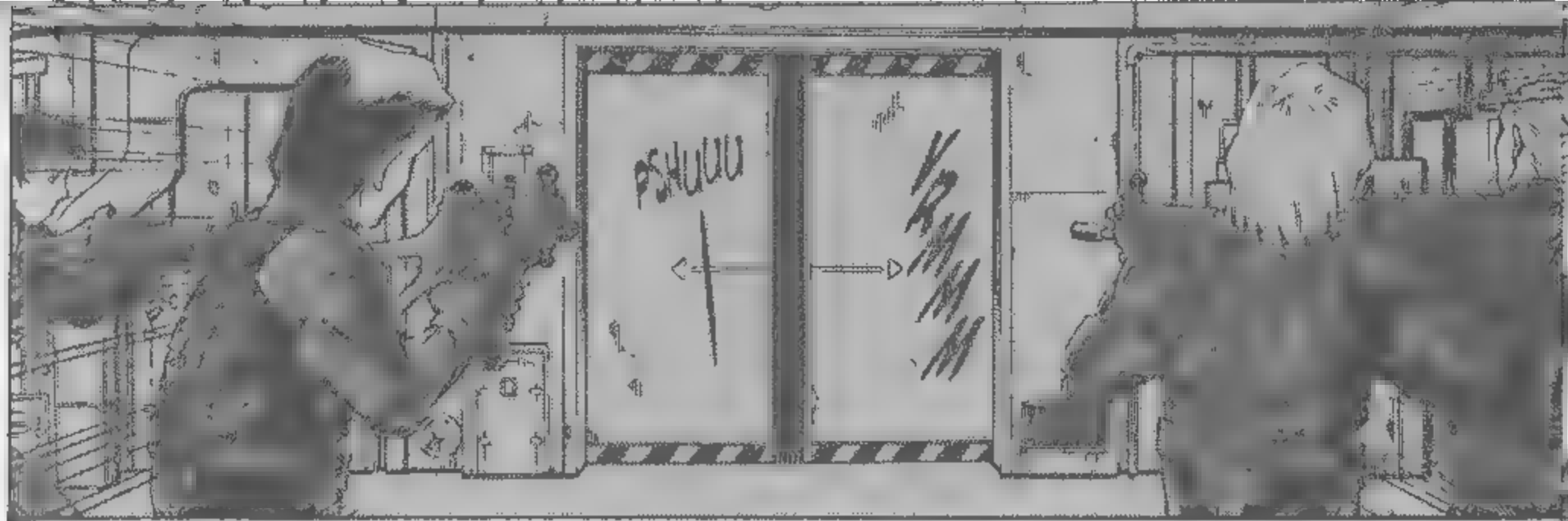
WE
CAN'T
STO--
AAAA-
RRGH!!

A
SILVER
WERE-
WOLF?!

IT
CAN'T
BE!







HA!
AND HERE
I THOUGHT
OUR
ENTRANCE
WAS
FLASHY
ENOUGH...

BUT IT
SEEMS YOU
HAVE
STOLEN THE
LIMELIGHT
FROM US.



APPROXI-
MATELY
HALF OF
THE
OPPOSING
FORCES
REMAIN.
PLEASE
PROCEED
AS YOU
SEE FIT.



YOUR
MAJESTY.
I HAVE
LONG
AWAITED
YOUR
RETURN.
WELCOME.





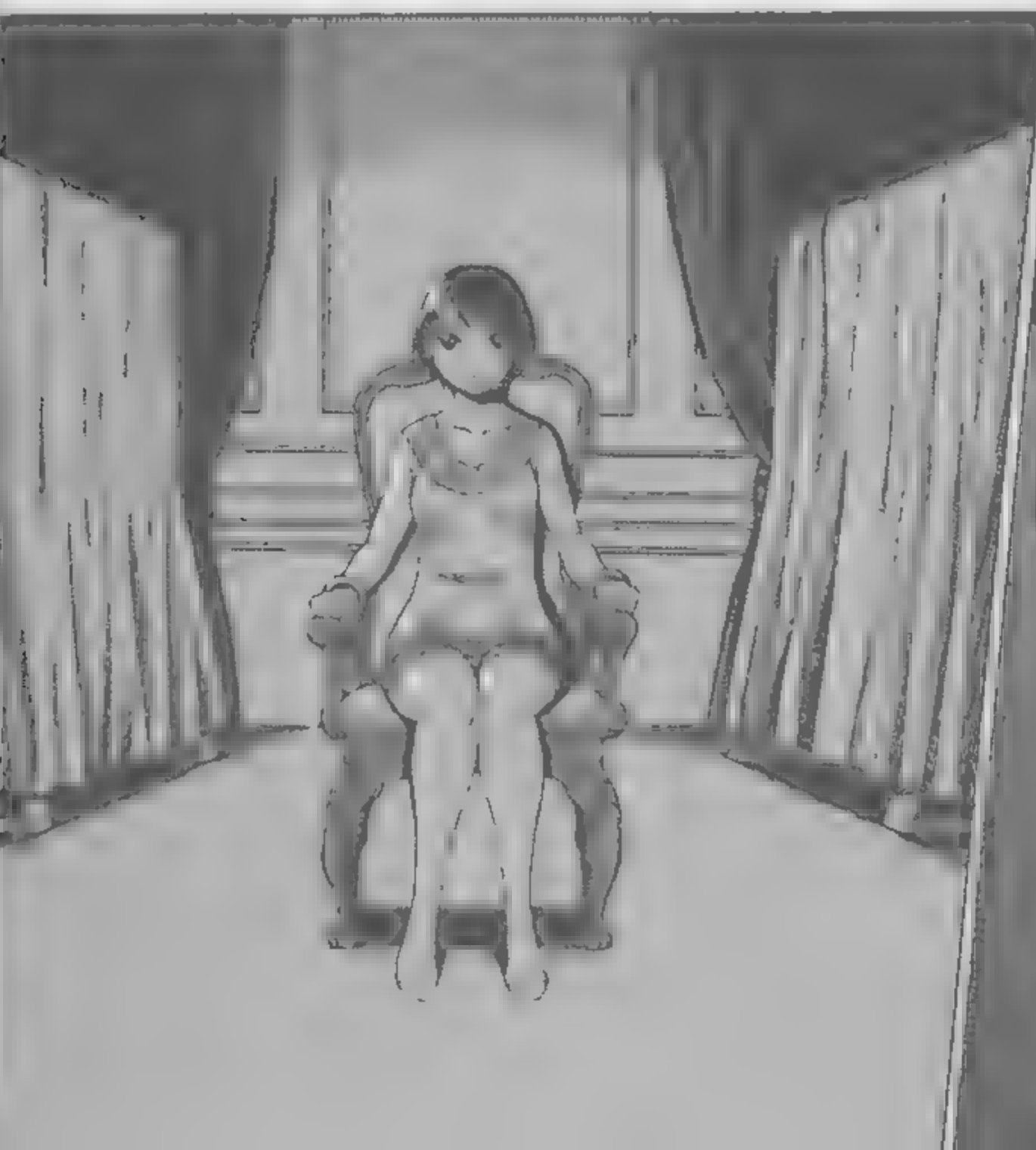
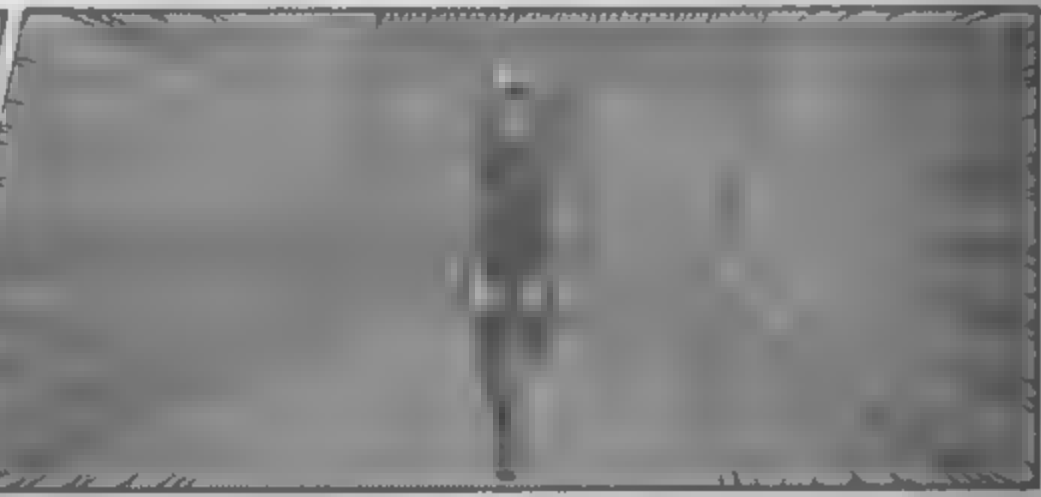
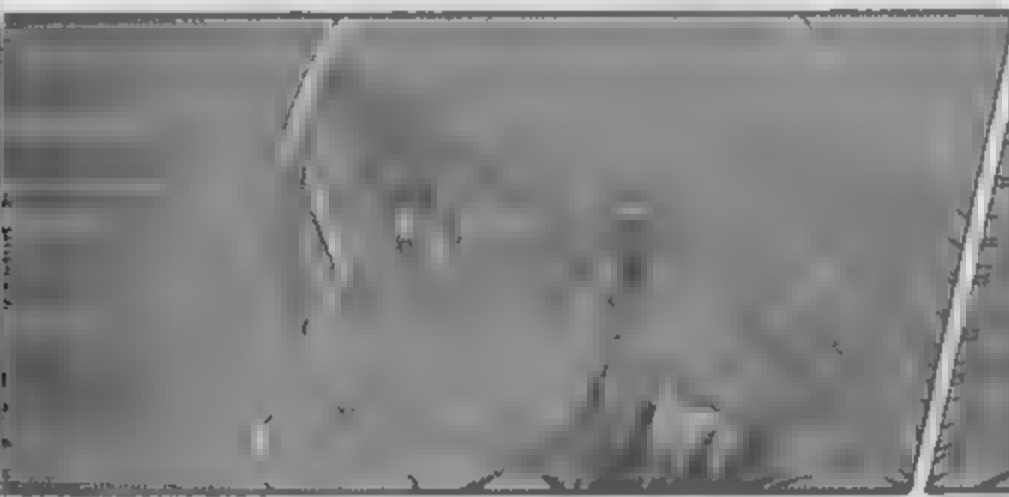
I HAVE
SOME-
WHERE
ELSE I
MUST
GO!

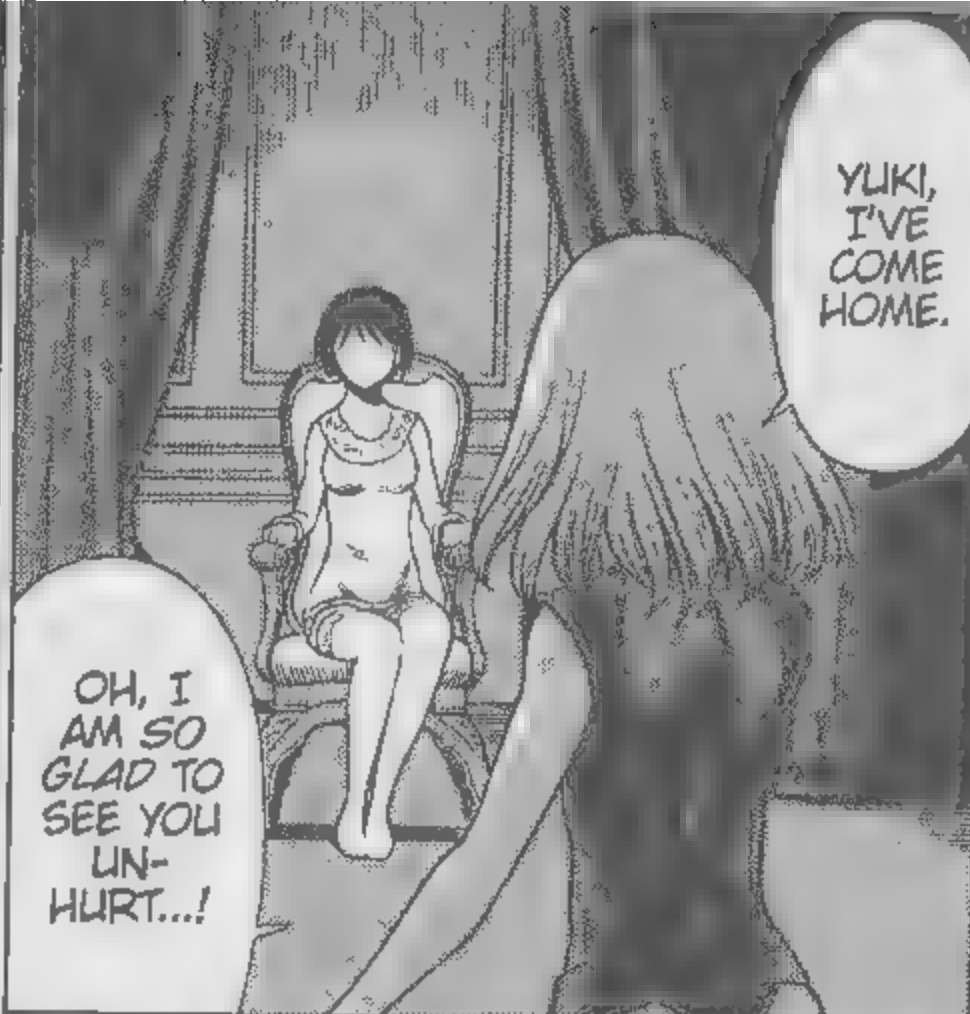



EXCEL-
LENT!
LET US
FINISH
THIS IN
ONE
STRIKE!

AKIRA,
YOU AND
THE
OTHERS
GO WITH
WOLFGANG!

WHAT
ABOUT
YOU?







WAIT
JUST
ONE
MO-
MENT,
OKAY?

I
WILL
TAKE
THAT
YOKE
FROM
YOU
AND--

BEHIND
YOU!!

MEI

BE-
HIND
YOU
!!!

S
A
M
A
A
A
A
!!!







YUKI
SPOKE.

HAH.

SHE
ACTUALLY
SPOKE.

BRAT-
TAT-
TAT



BRAT-
TAT-
TAT

HUFF
...

HUFF
...

BLAM
BLAM



TOK

THOOOM

HEE
HEE
HEE

HEE
HEE



.....

THERE
YOU
ARE.



W-
WELCOME...
HOME...
HIME-SAMA.

THANK
YOU.

THANK
YOU!



IT WAS FOUND, YOUR MAJESTY. THEY HAVE FINALLY LOCATED THAT WHICH YOU WERE LOOKING FOR.



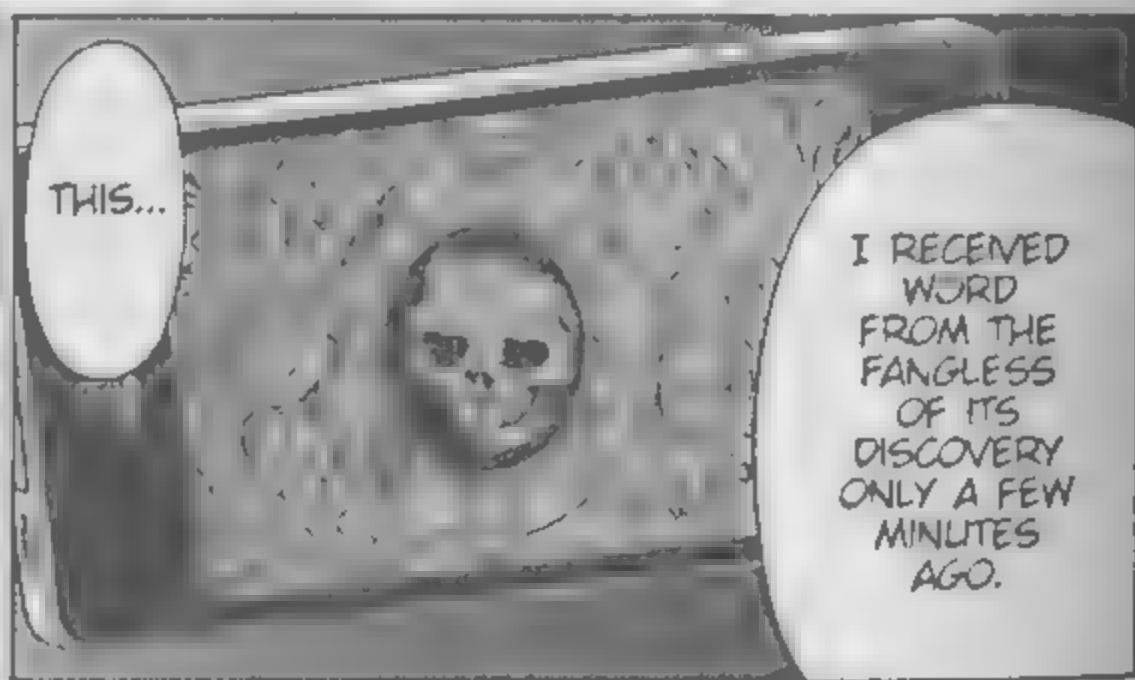
IT LOOKS AS IF WE HAVE REACHED THE END.

I HAD NO DESIRE FOR A THRONE IN THE FIRST PLACE, BUT TO BE KICKED OUT BEFORE I COULD FINISH MY TRUE OBJECTIVE.. FATE MUST'VE CHOSEN TO MOCK ME.



IS IT!

EXCEL-
LENT!



THIS...

I RECEIVED WORD FROM THE FANGLESS OF ITS DISCOVERY ONLY A FEW MINUTES AGO.



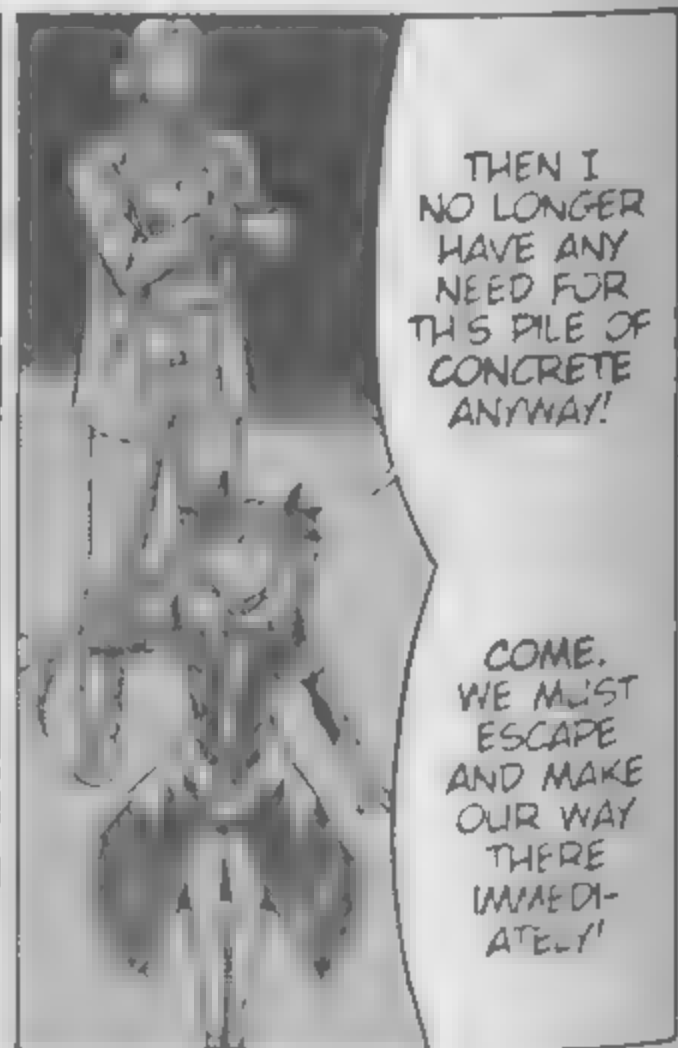
WHAT ABOUT YOU?

ARE YOU NOT COMING AS WELL?



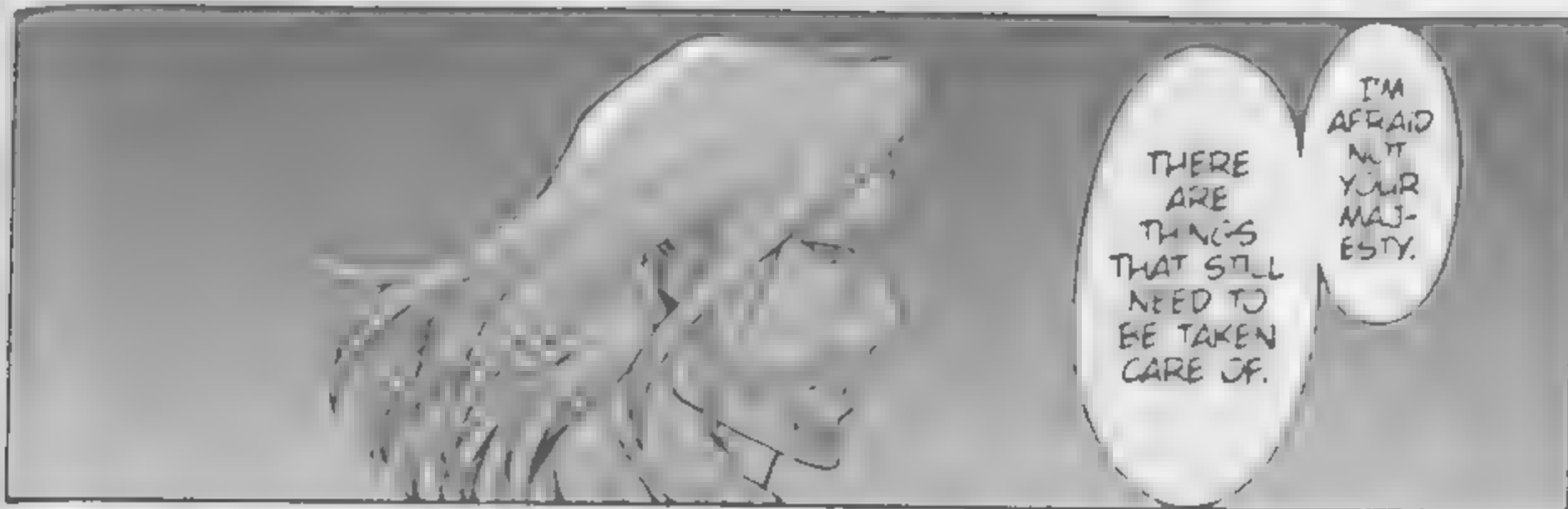
THERE IS A HELICOPTER AWAITING YOU ON THE ROOF OF THE NEIGHBORING BUILDING.

I HAVE ARRANGED AN ESCORT FOR YOU. PLEASE HURRY.



THEN I NO LONGER HAVE ANY NEED FOR THIS PILE OF CONCRETE ANYWAY!

COME. WE MUST ESCAPE AND MAKE OUR WAY THERE IMMEDIATELY!



THERE
ARE
THINGS
THAT STILL
NEED TO
BE TAKEN
CARE OF.

I'M
AFRAID
NOT
YOUR
MAJ-
ESTY.



IN
THE END,
EVEN
YOU
CHOOSE
HER.

I
SEE.



WHAT-
EVER.

I HAVE
BEEN
ALONE
FROM THE
BEGINNING,
ANYWAY.





IF YOU
WANT TO
KNOW,
YOU WILL
HAVE TO
BEAT ME
FIRST.



GOOD
QUES-
TION.

WHERE
IS
SHE?



I CAN'T
SAY I
KNOW
WHAT
YOU'RE
THINKING
JUST
YET...




WHAT
SAY WE
JUST
QUIT
ALL THIS,
OKAY?

WE DON'T
NEED THE
DUMB ACTS
ANYMORE.



SHEESH.





I THINK
I'VE
FIGURED
OUT WHO IT
IS YOU'RE
WORKING
FOR,
MR. MASK.

YOU
KNOW...

!



BUT...

I THINK
I'VE GOT
A PRETTY
GOOD
IDEA.

THOUGHT
SO.

YOU WERE
AIMING TO
USE MINMEI
AND THOSE
REFUGEES
TO KICK OFF
A PANDEMIC
FROM THE
BEGINNING.

I AM,
AS YOU
EXPECTED,
PART OF
TELO-
MERE.

EVERYTHING
I'M DOING
IS AT
THE ORDER
OF MY
HIME-SAMA.

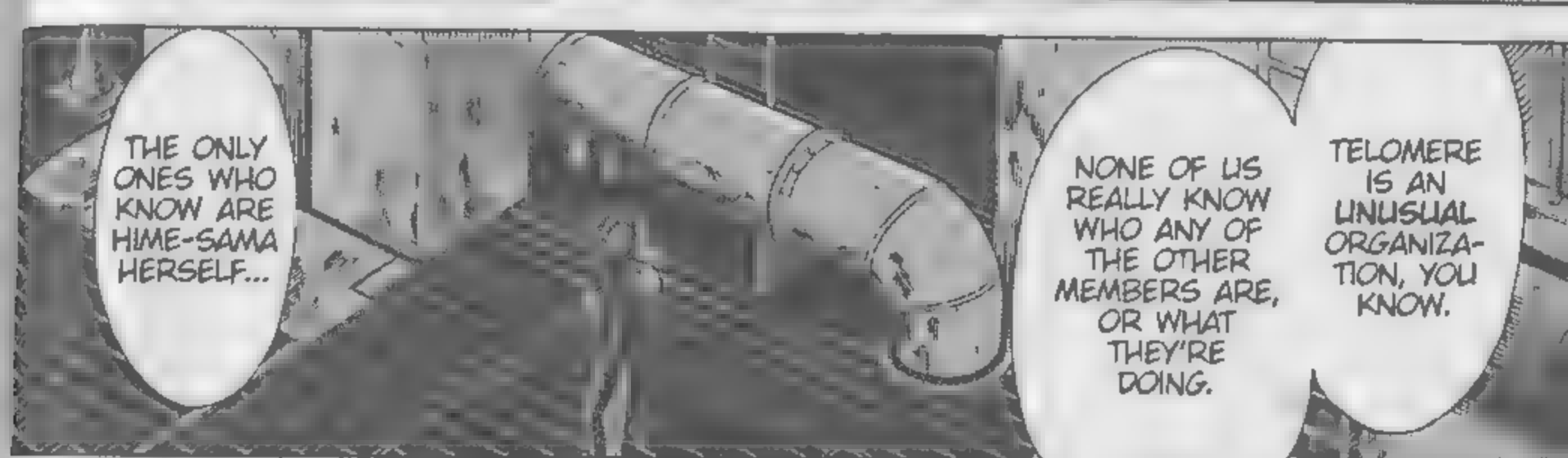


?

FROM
EVERYONE.

MY
ORDERS
ARE TO
PROTECT
HER...

INCOR-
RECT.



THE ONLY
ONES WHO
KNOW ARE
HIME-SAMA
HERSELF...

NONE OF US
REALLY KNOW
WHO ANY OF
THE OTHER
MEMBERS ARE,
OR WHAT
THEY'RE
DOING.

TELOMERE
IS AN
UNUSUAL
ORGANIZA-
TION, YOU
KNOW.



AND HER
CLOSEST
ADVISORS!

SKASH

FREEZE!!

FLASH

I TOLD
HER
FROM THE
VERY
BEGINNING
THAT SHE
COULDN'T
TRUST
HIM!

I
WARNED
HIME-
SAMA!

YOUR
ARM!

DASH!

BRAT-
TAT-
TAT-
TAT-

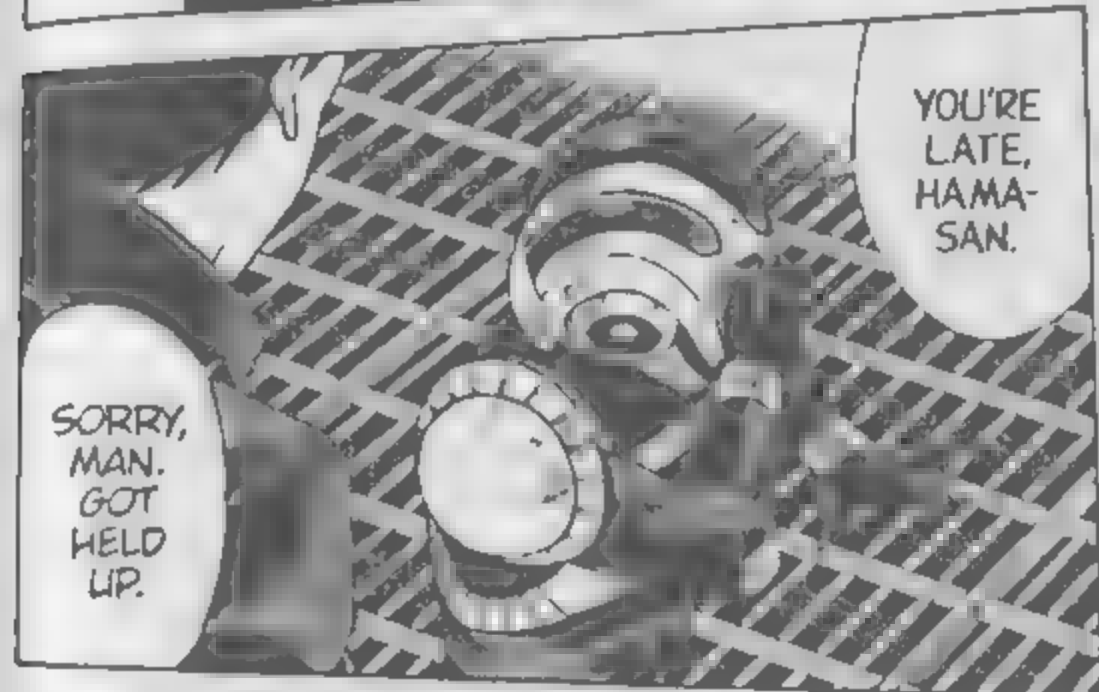
THAT'S
AS FAR
AS YOU
GO,
SWEET
CHEEKS
!!



HEY,
AKIRA!
YOU
GOOD?!

AFTER
HER!

DON'T
LET
HER
GET
AWAY!!



SORRY,
MAN.
GOT
HELD
UP.

YOU'RE
LATE,
HAMA-
SAN.



WHO
COULD SAVE
NANAMI-
KAICHO?
WHO COULD
POINT HER
AND THE
OTHER THREE
MAIDS TO
SAVE ME
IN NYC?

HELL,
WHO WOULD
EVEN KNOW
WHAT WAS
GOING ON
IN CHAIN
SMOKER'S
FOREST,
MUCH LESS
SEND FOR
HELP
THERE?

AND THIS
SOMEBODY
NOT ONLY
KNEW, HE SET
UP A PLAN
TO FREE
HIME-SAN AND
BRING HER
BACK HOME.

SEE,
I'VE
BEEN
THINKING
ABOUT IT
FOR A
WHILE.





BY DOING
THAT,
THEY WOULD
FLUSH OUT
WHOEVER IT
WAS WHO
STARTED
THE WHOLE
PIED PIPER
PANDEMIC.

HE TOLD
ME WHO IT
WAS THAT
ORDERED
HIM TO
BRING
MINMEI AND
GOTOH-SAN
TOGETHER.

IT WAS
AKIRA GARCIA
FUJISAKI WHO
SHOWED ME
THE ANSWER
TO ALL THAT.



I DON'T
GET IT, MAN.
YOU WERE
THE ONE
WHO
SOLD OUT
HIME-SAN TO
TELOMERE IN
THE FIRST
PLACE.

WHY TURN
AROUND
AND GO
THIS FAR
TO GET HER
BACK?



I...
COULDN'T
TELL.
I DIDN'T
KNOW
WHICH ONE
OF THEM
WAS MY
TRUE
HIME-SAMA.

.....



IT WAS
YOU,
ALPHONSE.

IT WAS
YOU FROM
THE
BEGINNING.



IT WAS PRO-
FOUNDLY CONFU-
SING...

LEADING TO A
DEEP,
HEART-
RENDING
INDECI-
SION.



BUT FOR
THOSE WHO
SERVED THE
ROYAL HOUSE
THE LONGEST,
THOSE WHOSE
DEDICATION
WAS THE
STRONGEST,
IT WAS
DEVASTATING.



IT CAN BE
CHILLING
FOR ANY
VAMPIRE TO
BE FACED
WITH TWO
WHO BEAR
THE TRUE
BLOOD, TWO
QUEENS
DESERVING
OF RESPECT
AND
LOYALTY.



DESPITE
MY VOW, I
TRANSFORMED
INTO MY TRUE
FORM TO
PROTECT HER
FROM THOSE
MONSTERS,
AWAKENING
MY VAMPIRE
BLOOD.



SO I
THOUGHT.

AT LEAST,
I DID UNTIL
THAT DAY
TWO
HUNDRED
YEARS
AGO.




BUT
THAT'S
STUPID
!

HIME-SAN
IS
HIME-SAN!
THERE'S
NEVER
BEEN ANY
OTHER!



IT
WASN'T
A
SCOLD-
ING.

HE WAS
SIMPLY
TRYING TO
SAVE HIS
SON FROM
A LOVE THAT
WOULD
NEVER
BEAR FRUIT.



NOW,
ALL THESE
MANY
DECADES
LATER, I
UNDERSTAND
HER
MAJESTY'S
SAD SMILE
THAT DAY...

DO NOT
WANDER
OFF DOWN
THE ROAD
OF LIFE
WITHOUT
ME...

AND
WHY MY
FATHER
YELLED AT
ME THE
WAY HE
DID.

SILENCE!
NEVER
SAY THAT
AGAIN.
UNDERSTAND?



AT THAT MOMENT
A STRONG—
ALMOST
IRRATIONALLY
STRONG—
LOYALTY TOWARDS
MY RIGHTFUL
QUEEN BUBBLED
UP WITHIN ME.

ALONG WITH
IT CAME A
DESPERATE
NEED TO
SERVE.

TRULY,
IT WAS AN
OVER-
WHELMING
NEED.

IT WAS SO
POWERFUL...
THERE WAS
NO ROOM
LEFT FOR ANY
FEELINGS OF
LOVE OR
ROMANCE.



BUT
THEN,
ONE
DAY...

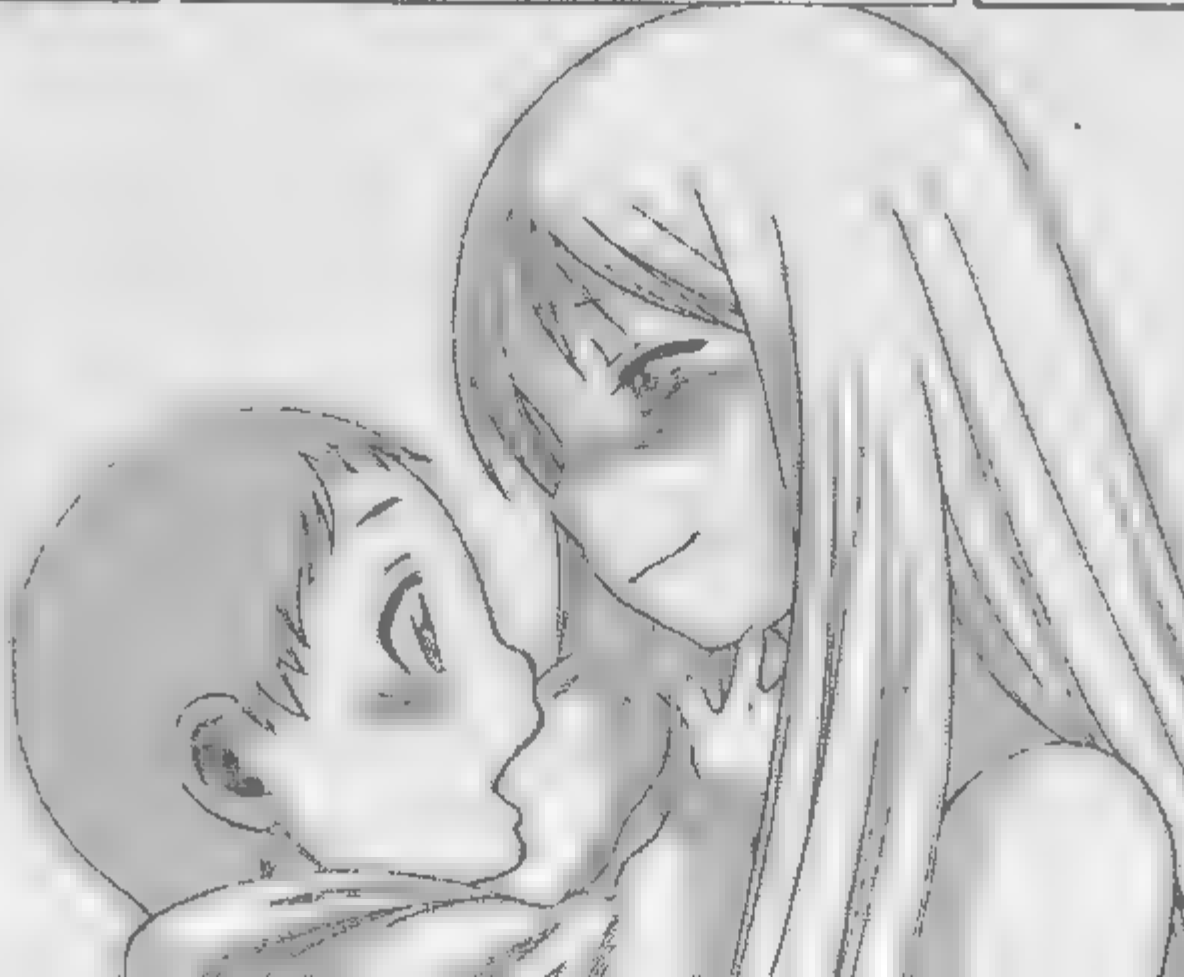
MY DREAM
TO LIVE BY
HER SIDE
ENDED
THAT DAY.

WOLFGANG
BROUGHT
A CERTAIN
INFANT
BEFORE HER
MAJESTY.

I
THOUGHT
THAT WAS
THE ONLY
WAY I
COULD BE
FAITHFUL
TO MY
FEELINGS
FOR HER.

SO I THREW
MYSELF INTO
MY FAMILY'S
DUTIES,
BECOMING HER
MAJESTY'S
PROTECTOR
IN THE
SHADOWS,
AS MY FATHER
HAD BEEN.

I KNEW
THAT THIS
INFANT
WAS THE
CHILD HER
MAJESTY
HAD BEEN
WAITING
FOR.



AT THAT
MOMENT,
I KNEW.



YOUR
TEACHING
COULD PUT
SPARTA
TO SHAME,
Y'KNOW.

HUNK.
SO THAT'S
WHY YOU
WERE
ALWAYS A
HARD-ASS
TOWARDS
ME.



IS THIS
GONNA
BE YOUR
"FINAL
LESSON"?

SO
NOW
WHAT?



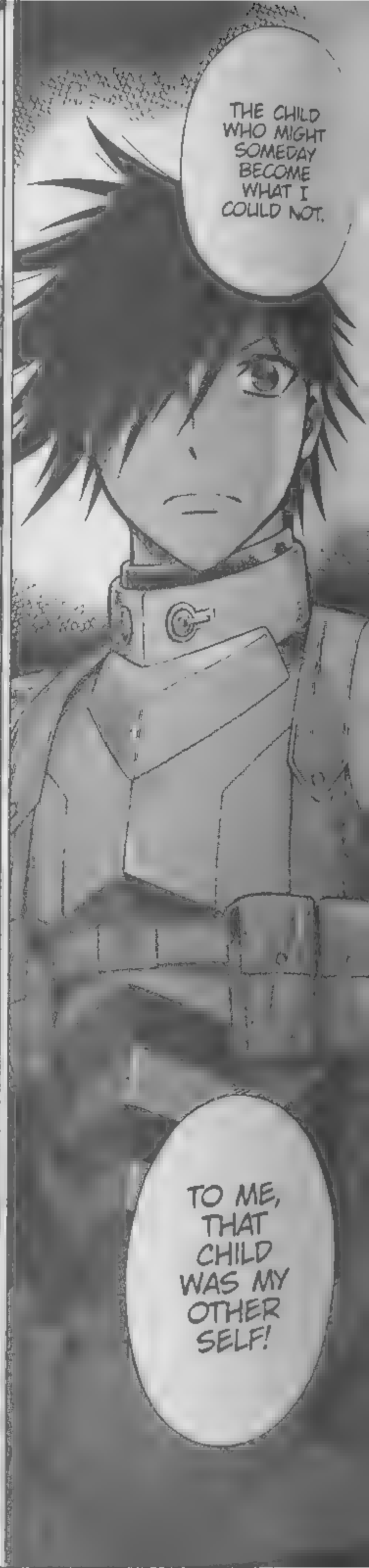
I AM
DONE
WITH
WORDS!



HE HAD TO
BE SOMEONE
WHO COULD
STAND IN MY
PLACE AT HER
MAJESTY'S
SIDE, SOMEONE
WHO COULD
SURVIVE BY
HER SIDE AND
PROTECT
HER!

THUS,
I WOULD
NEED TO
TRAIN
THAT
CHILD!

I HAD
TO MAKE
CERTAIN
HE GREW
INTO A
STRONG
AND
CAPABLE
MAN!



THE CHILD
WHO MIGHT
SOMEDAY
BECOME
WHAT I
COULD NOT.

TO ME,
THAT
CHILD
WAS MY
OTHER
SELF!



TO BE
HONEST,
I REALLY
DON'T
WANNA
DO
THIS.

BLIT,
Y'KNOW
...



POK

PROVE
TO ME
YOU ARE
WORTHY
TO STAND
AT MINA
TEPES'
ELBOW!



SHOW
ME,
BOY!

SRNINK



NOT
FOR
YOU...


IF WE
DON'T HAVE
IT OUT NOW,
THINGS
WON'T EVER
BE SETTLED
BETWEEN
US!

OR
FOR
ME!!











FOOLISH,
I KNOW.
A SHALLOW
REGRET.

LAUGH
AT ME
IF YOU
WANT.




IT WAS
A VAIN
DREAM...

BUT I
COULD NOT
HELP BUT
THINK THAT
MAYBE THIS
QUEEN
COULD BE
MINE.



THAT...
WASN'T
TRUE.
I
KNEW.

I...
I JUST
LET
MYSELF
DREAM
FOR A
MOMENT.



I
SEE...



I'LL
NEVER
LAUGH
AT
THAT.



I WON'T.
I DON'T
CARE IF
EVERYONE
ELSE
DOES...



BRITISH

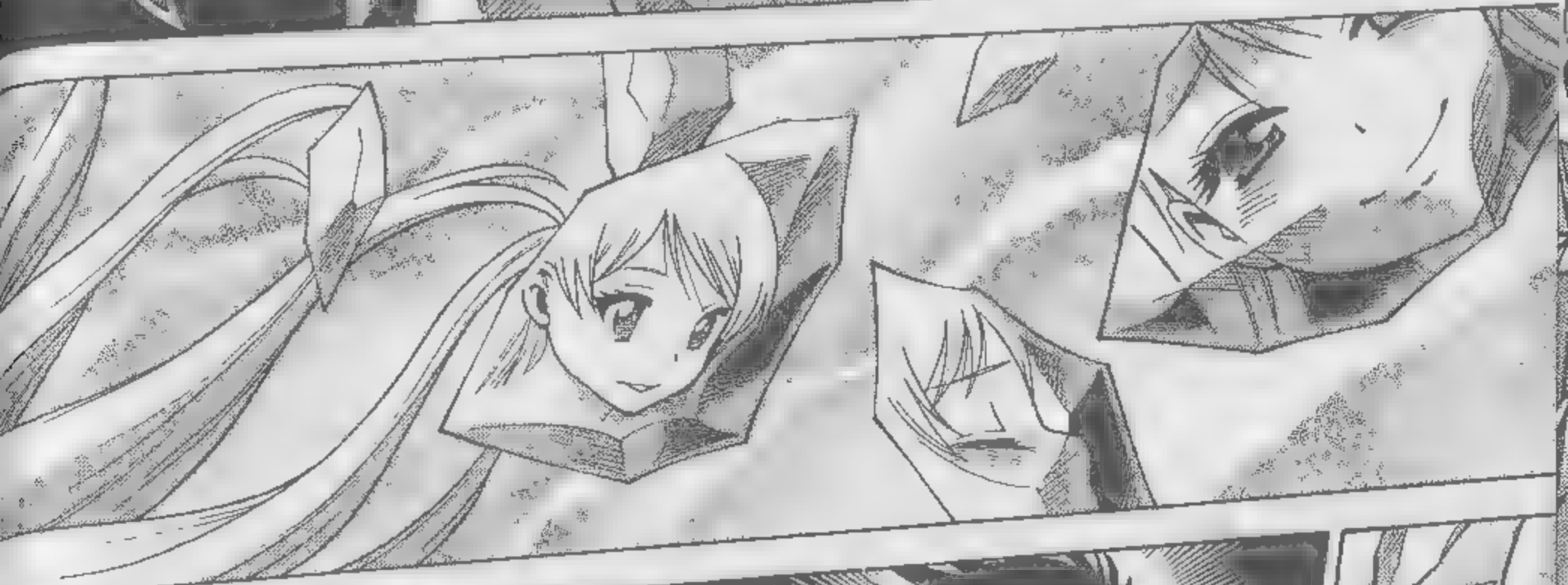


WELL THEN!

DESTROY ME...

RID ME OF THIS REGRET !!

AKIRA




SKRCH.

SKRCH.

ATTENTION,
CITIZENS
OF THE
VAMPIRE
BLIND
AND THE
NATION OF
JAPAN.

I AM
ALPHONSE
MEDICI
BORGIANI.
DUE TO
INTERFERENCE
IN MY SCHEMES,
THE PRESENT
DISTURBANCE
HAS BEEN
BROUGHT TO
AN END.





HOWEVER,
THAT PLOT
HAS BEEN
FOILED BY
THE RETURN
OF THE
TRUE
QUEEN MINA,
AND HER
RECLAMA-
TION OF
THE BUND.

I DELIBERATELY
FOMENTED
CHAOS BETWEEN
THE VAMPIRE
NATION AND
JAPAN,
WITH THE AIM
OF CREATING
AN INSUR-
MOUNTABLE RIFT
BETWEEN THEM.

DESIRING TO
MAKE THE
POWER OF THE
ROYAL FAMILY
MY OWN, I HAD
THE TRUE
QUEEN MINA
EXPELLED,
INSTALLING AN
IMPOSTOR IN
HER PLACE.

NOW
I GET
IT.


ON THIS,
I REST
THE LAST
SHREDS
OF WHAT
HONOR
I HAVE
LEFT...

QUEEN MINA,
BANISHED
FROM HER OWN
KINGDOM,
IS ENTIRELY
INNOCENT.
THROUGH NO
FAULT OF HERS
DID ANY OF
THIS OCCUR.

ACCORDINGLY,
I SURRENDER
UNCONDITION-
ALLY AND
WILL ATONE
FOR MY
CRIMES WITH
MY LIFE.

SO
THAT'S
WHY YOU
WERE
TRYING
SO HARD
TO DIE.

AJAHNSE...



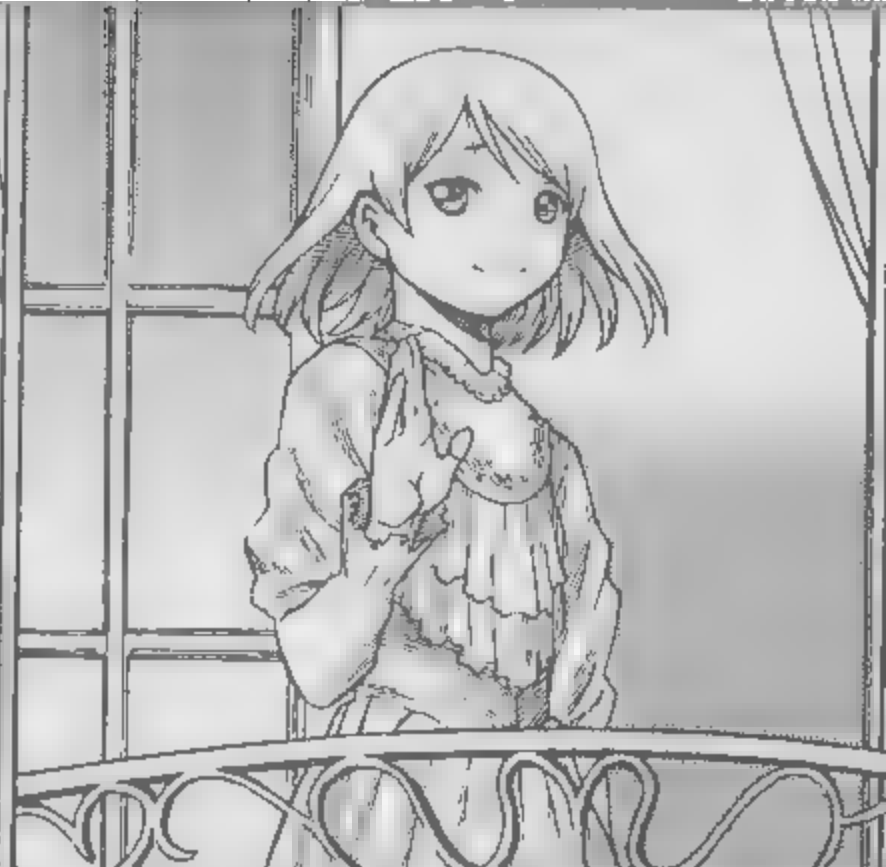
ALL
RESPONSIBILITY
FOR THIS
DISTURBANCE
RESTS SOLELY
ON ME. THOSE
WHO AIDED ME
DID SO ONLY
BY MY ORDER,
AND SHOULD
BE HELD
BLAMELESS.



YOU DID IT,
ALPHONSE.




YOU
PROTECTED
HIME-SAN
ALL THE
WAY TO
THE BITTER
END.





AND IF,
IN THAT BRIEF
SPACE OF TIME,
I SHOULD HAVE
THE CHANCE
TO DECORATE
HER HAIR...

THAT
WOULD BE
ENOUGH.



I'VE HAD
QUITE
ENOUGH OF
IMMORTALITY,
THANK YOU.

IN MY
NEXT LIFE,
I WANT TO BE
A FLOWER.
A DELICATE,
EPHEMERAL
FLOWER
THAT WOULD
BLOOM AT
DUSK, AND
WILT AWAY
BY DAWN.



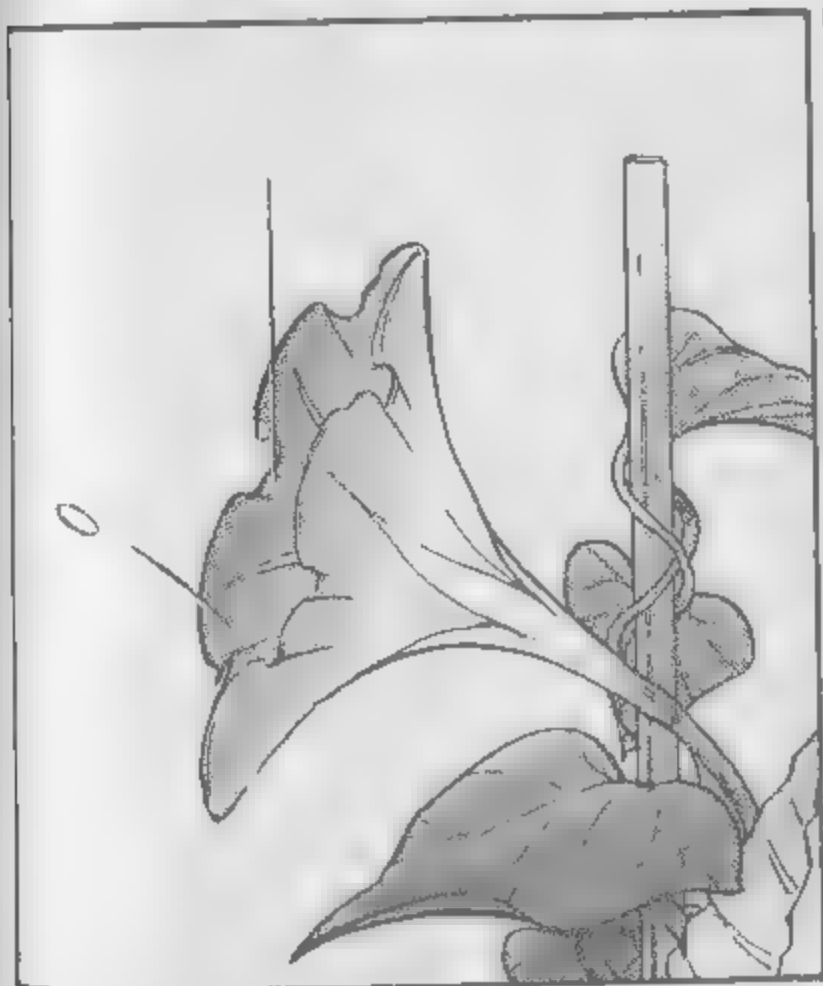
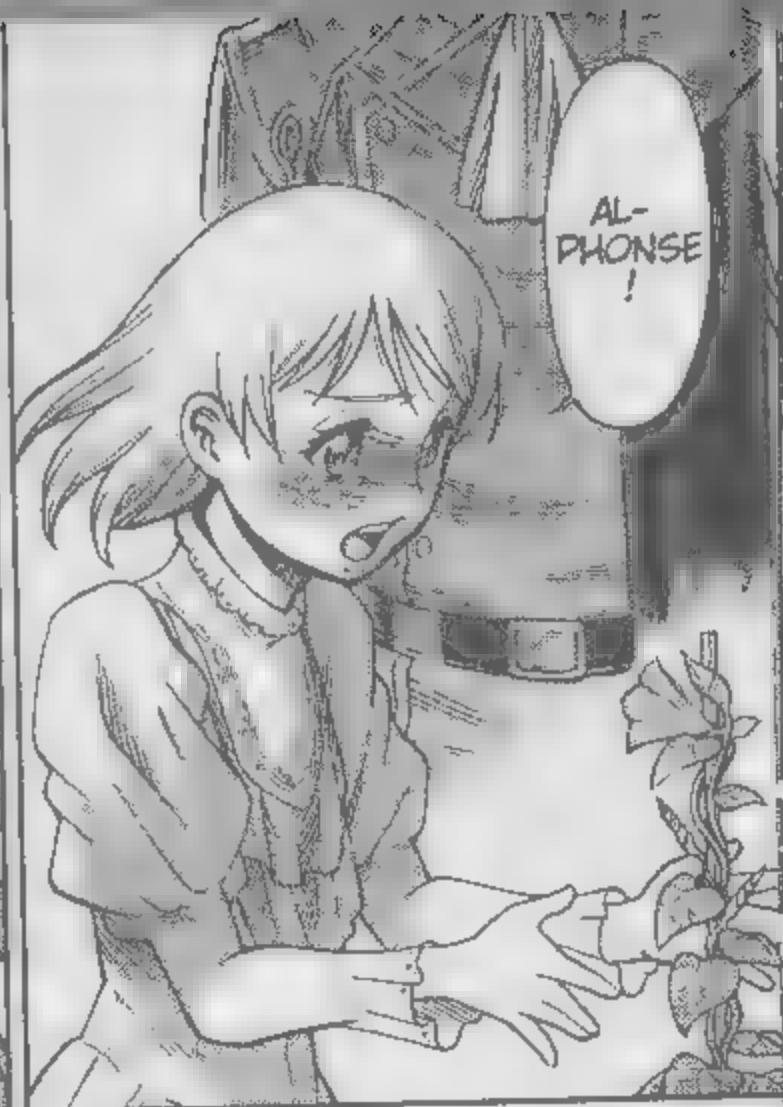
THAT
FLOWER...
IT'S
ALPHONSE.

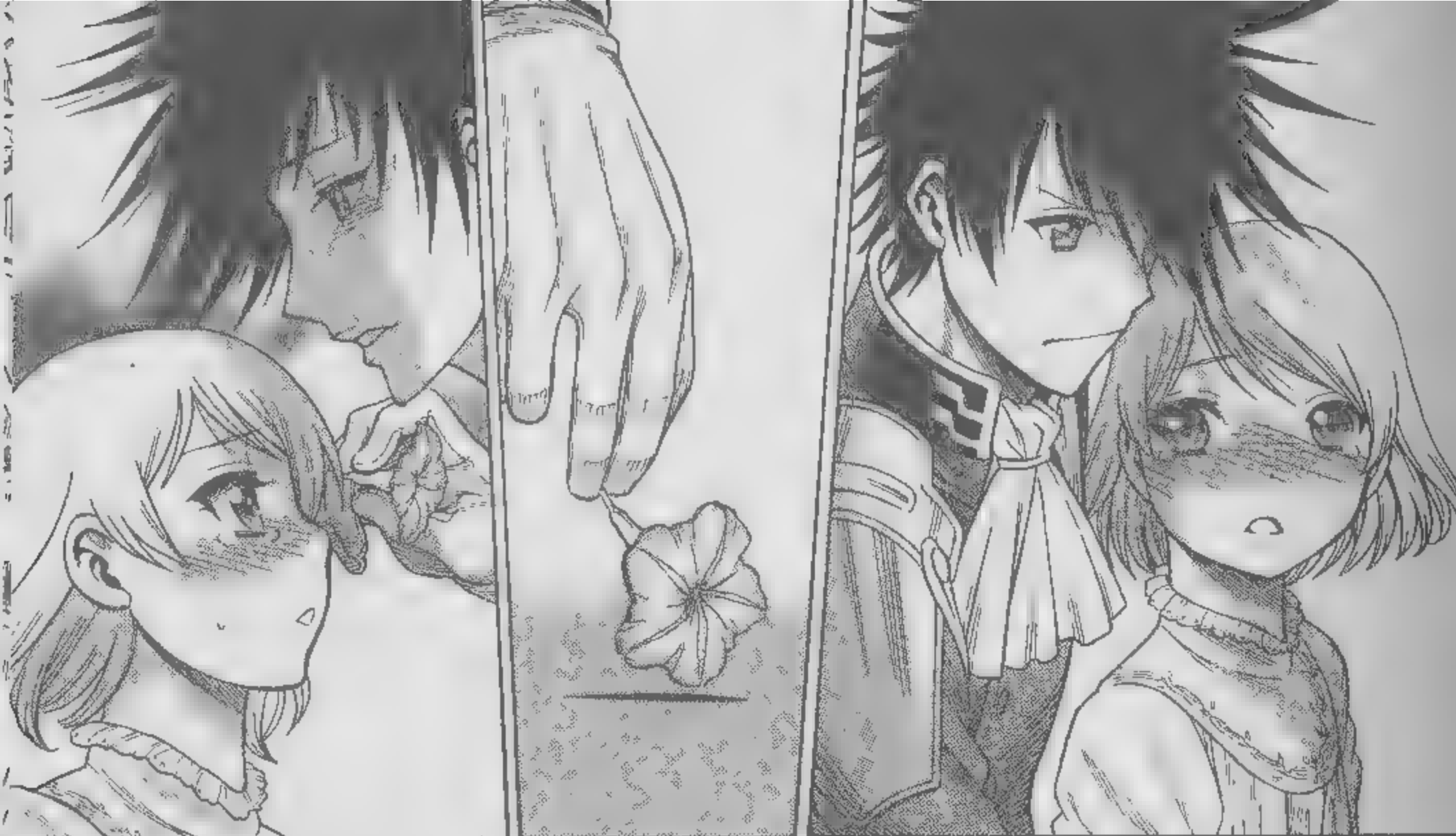
HM
?



HE
TOLD
ME
ONCE.

HE SAID
THAT IF HE
COULD BE
REBORN,
HE'D LIKE
TO BE A
FLOWER.



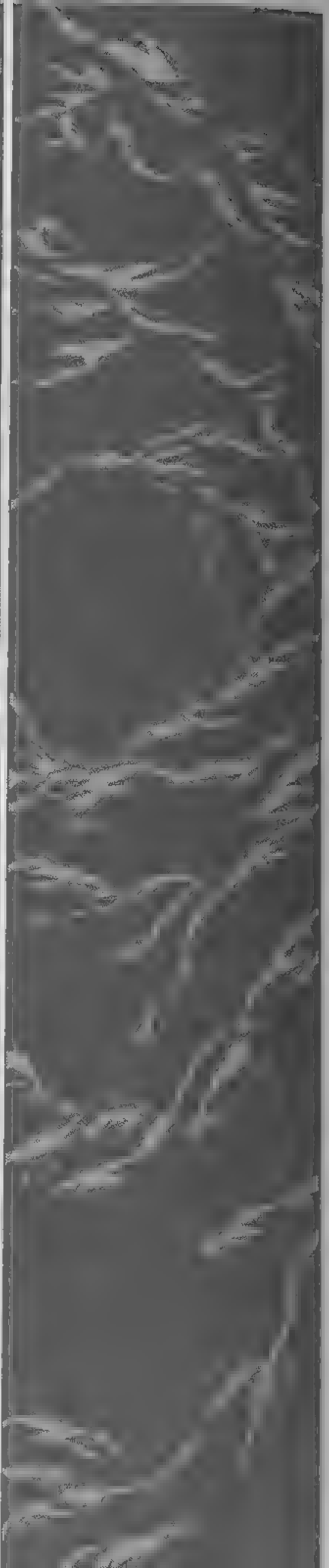
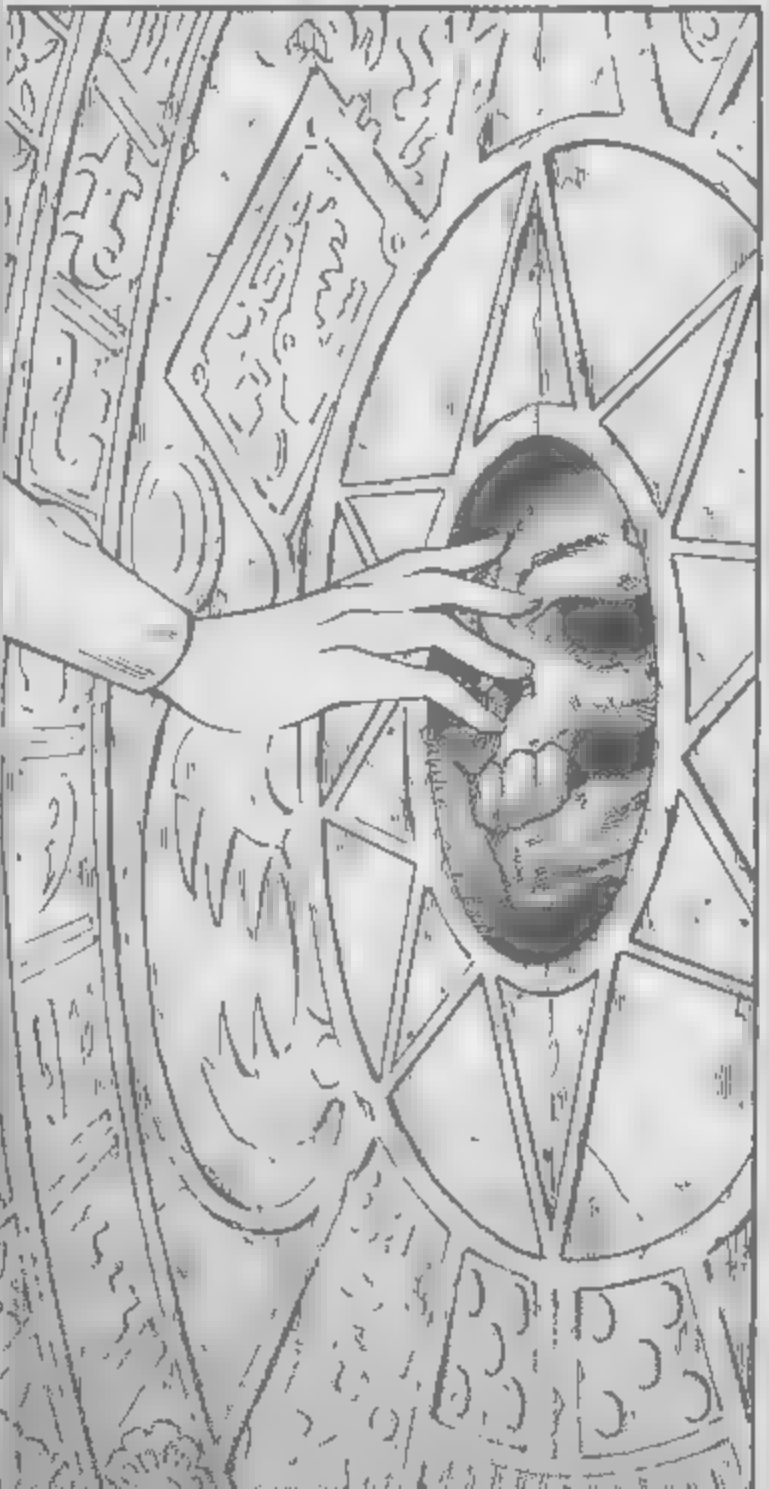


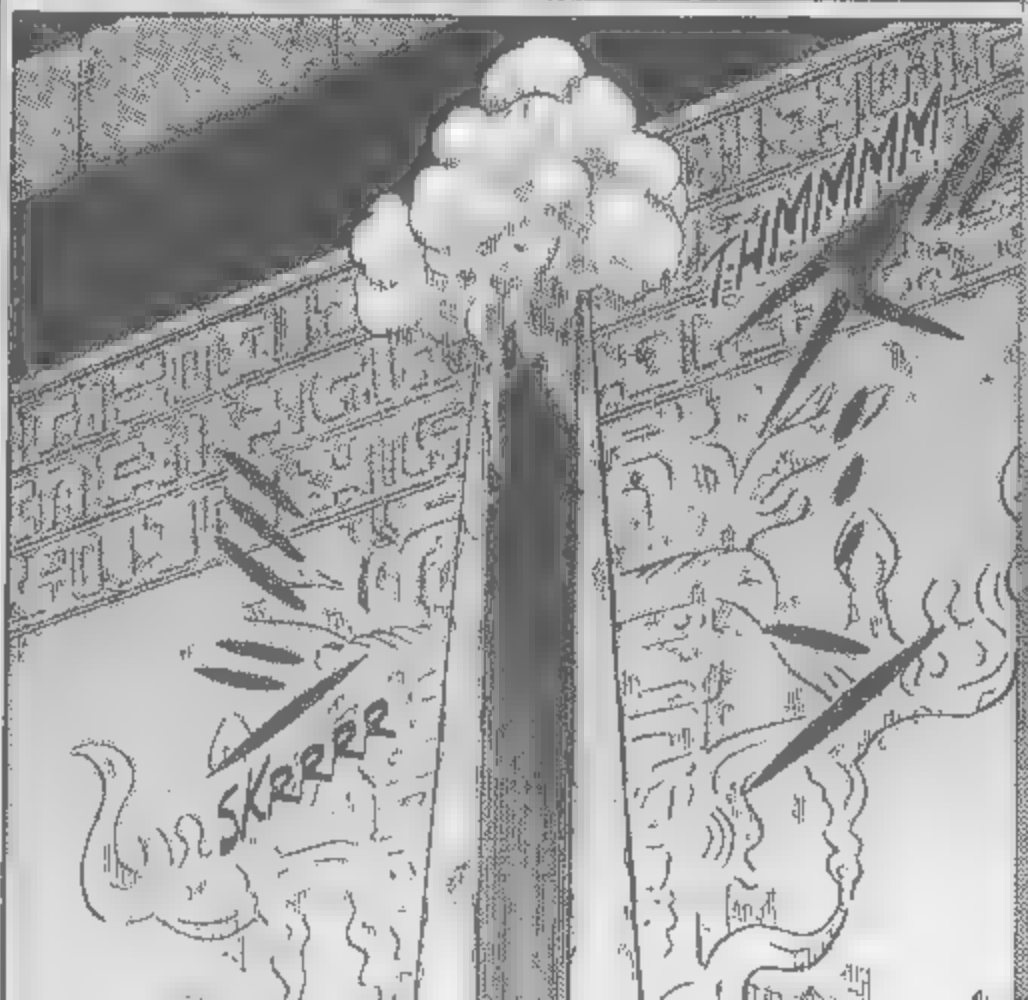
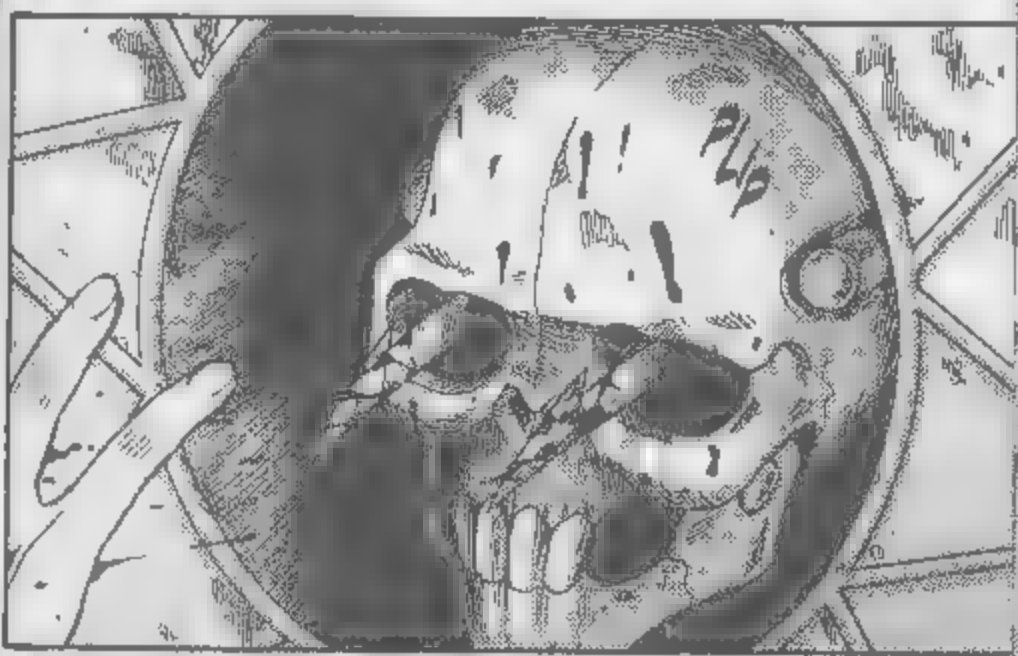
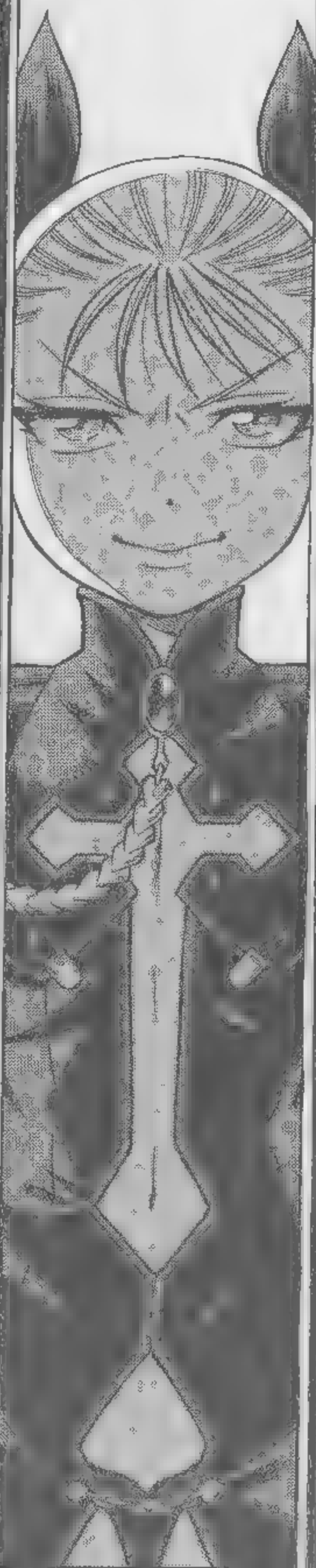
HIME-
SAMA...

I
SHALL
ALWAYS
BE BY
YOUR
SIDE.

ALWAYS...







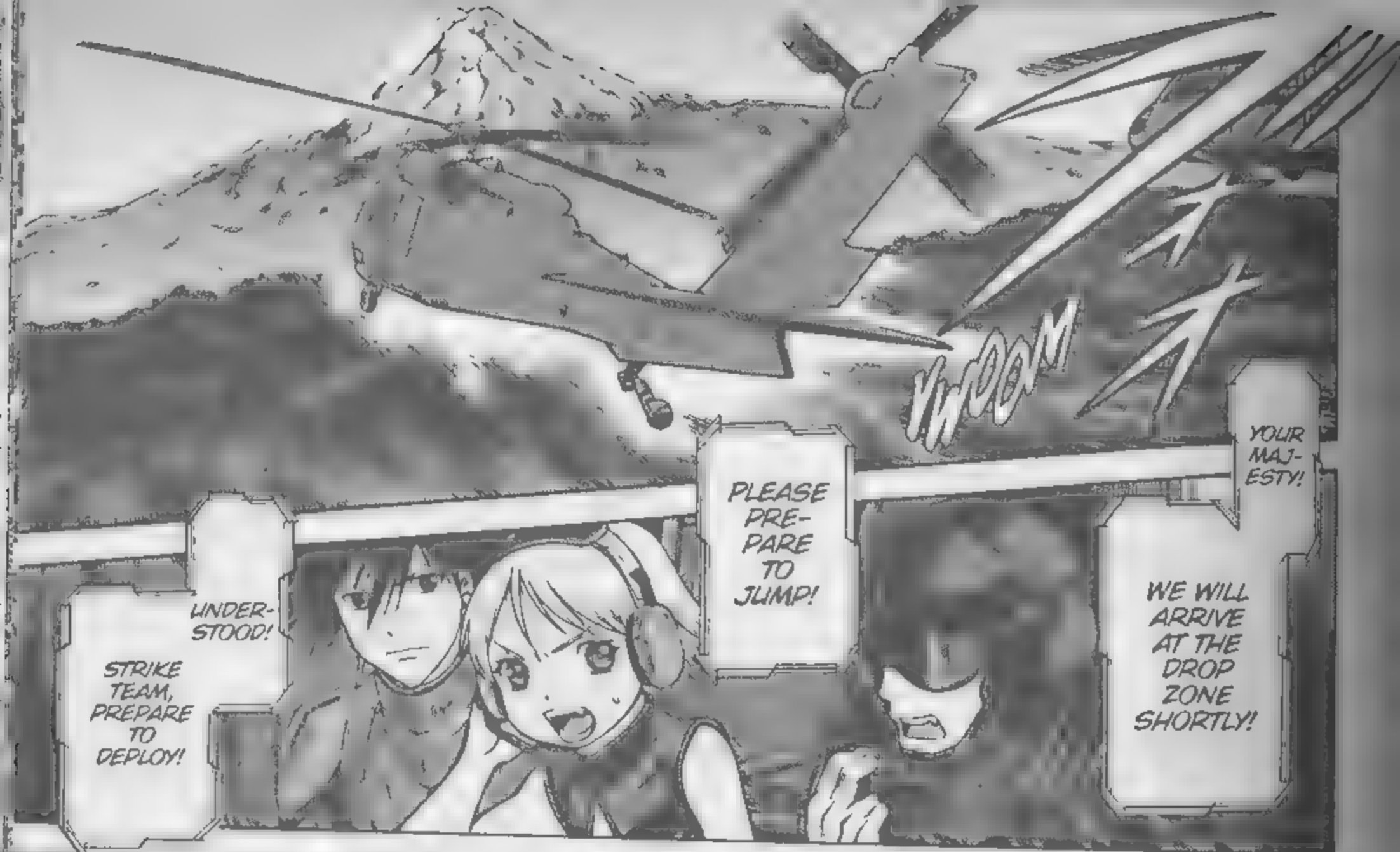
IT
WAS A
TALE...

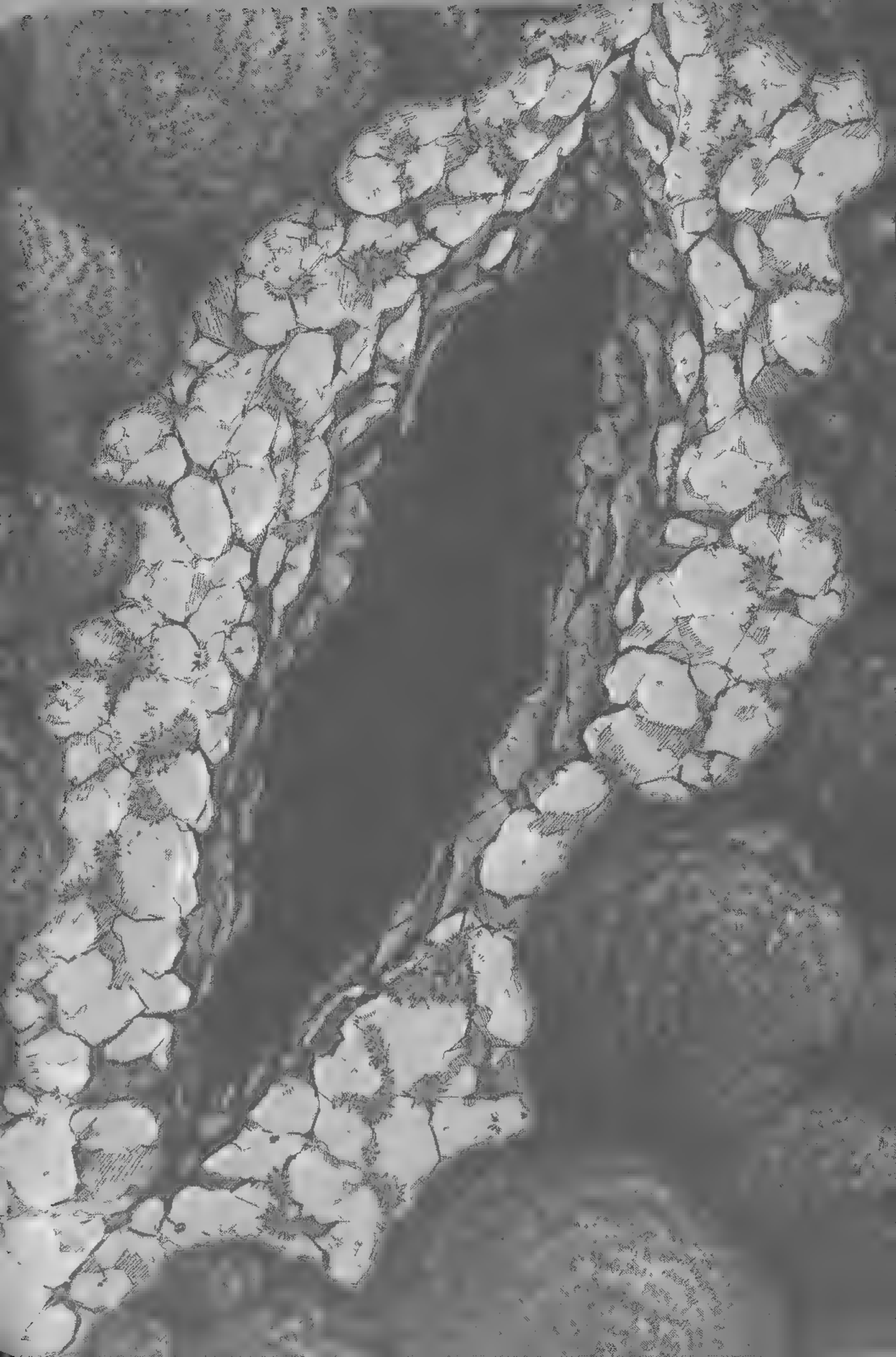
OF
PROMISES.

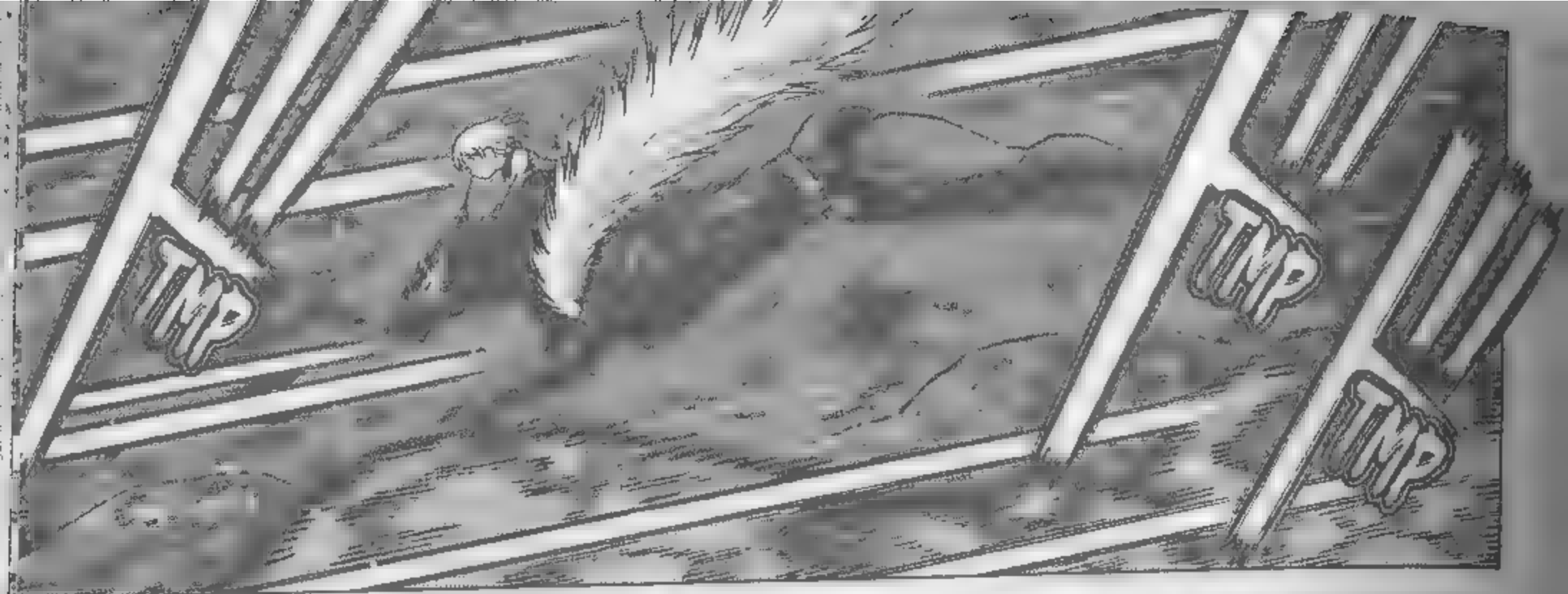


Chapter 82: All Good Things...









YOU BET!
I'LL
NEVER
FORGET
HER
SCENT,
EVER!

IS THE
TRAIL
THERE,
AKIRA?



HIME-
SAMA.

THEN
YUKI
WAS
RIGHT!



SHE WANTS
SOMETHING
HERE...
I'M PRETTY
SURE SHE'S
HEADED
UNDER-
NEATH
MT. FUJI.

SHE
HASN'T
LEFT
JAPAN
YET.
I'M SURE
OF IT.



THE POWER
OF THE SILENCE
WAS
STRONGER
THAN ANY
OTHER
POWER
IN THE
UNIVERSE

THE POWER
OF THE SILENCE
WAS
STRONGER
THAN ANY
OTHER
POWER
IN THE
UNIVERSE

THE ONLY
POWER
I HAVE
LEFT IS
THE
POWER
OF THE
SILENCE
THAT
LIES
IN THE
HEART
OF THE
EARTH



THE ONLY
POWER
I HAVE
LEFT IS
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POWER
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SILENCE
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OF THE
EARTH

THE ONLY
POWER
I HAVE
LEFT IS
THE
POWER
OF THE
SILENCE
THAT
LIES
IN THE
HEART
OF THE
EARTH

I THINK HE
GAVE IT TO
ME AS A
GIFT
FOR THE
SILENCE
THAT
LIES
IN THE
HEART
OF THE
EARTH



THE ONLY
POWER
I HAVE
LEFT IS
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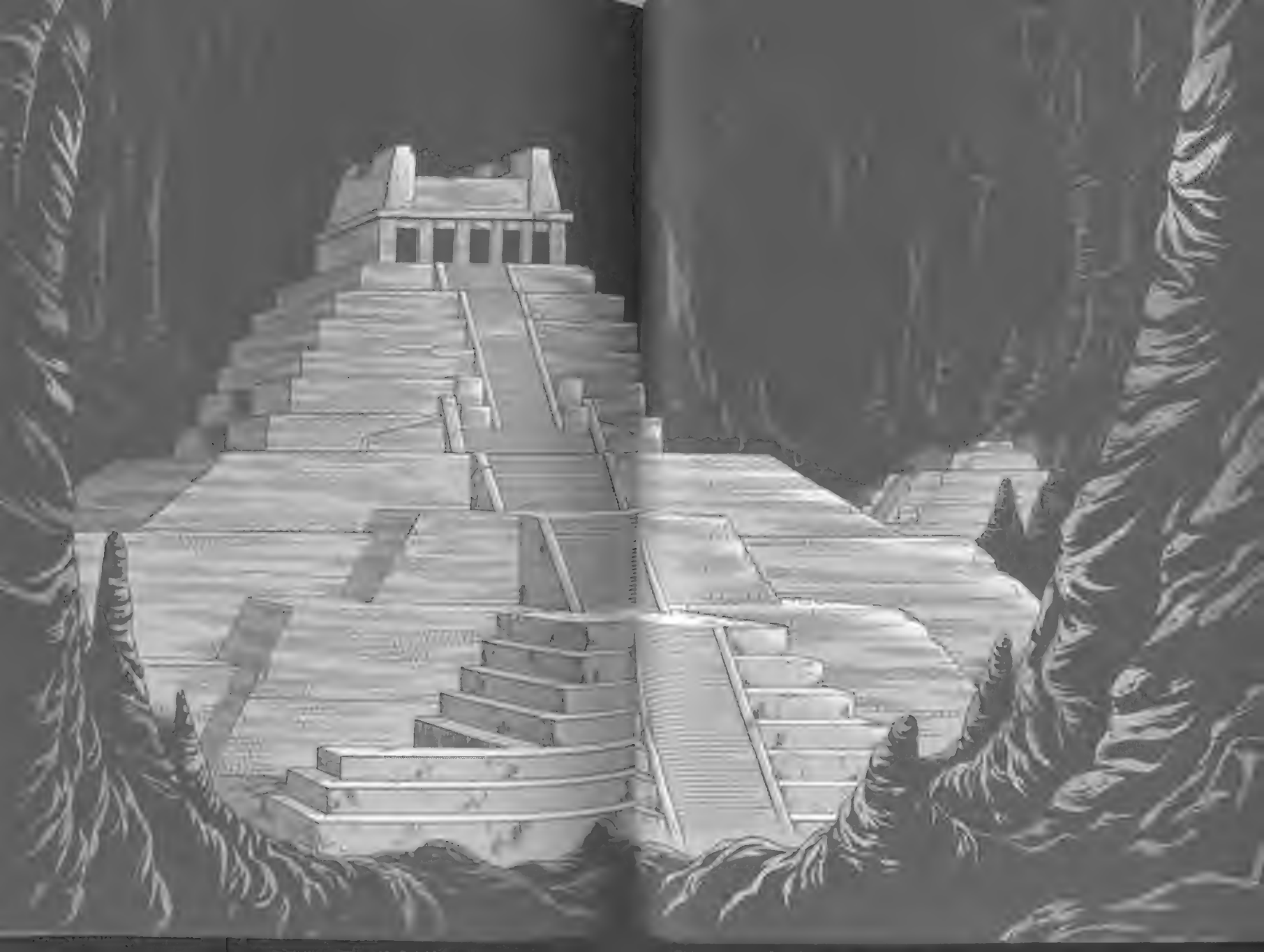


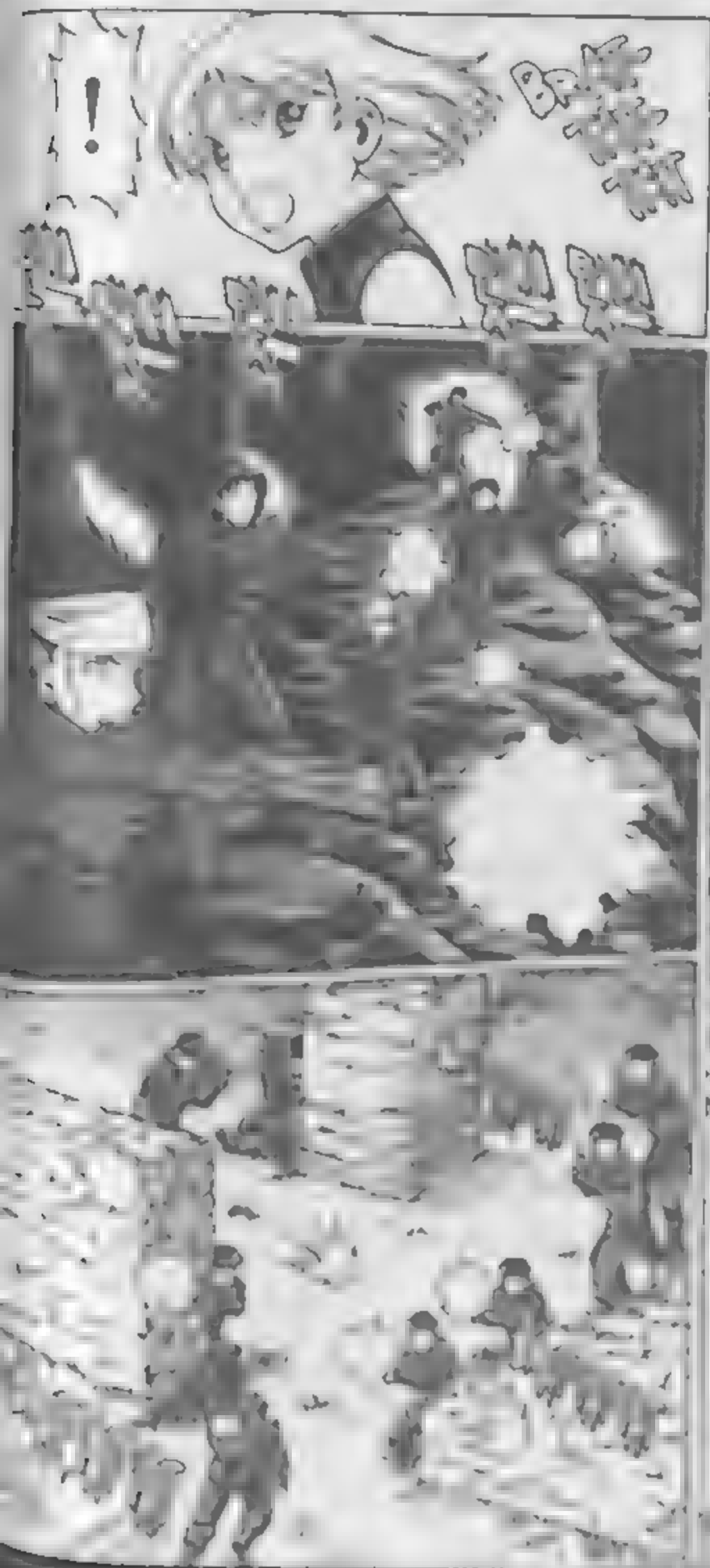
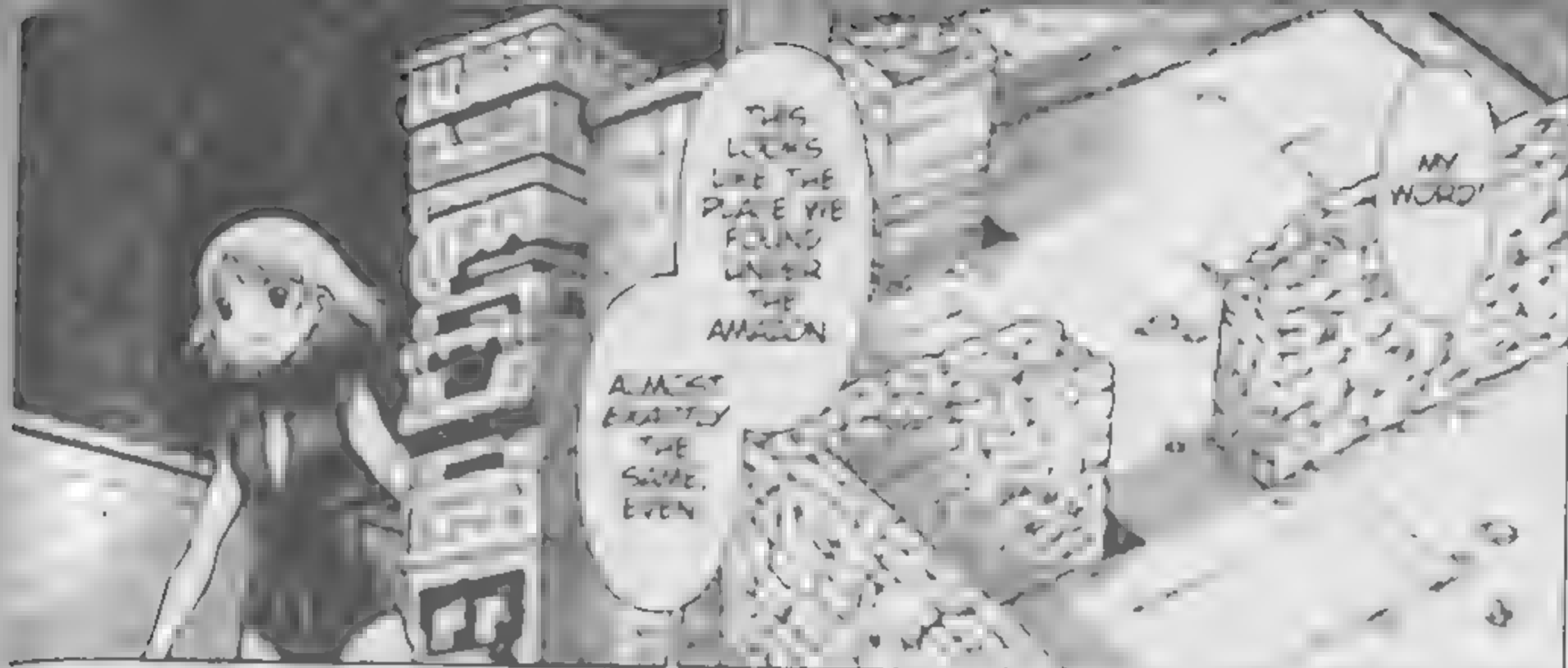
WATCH
ME,
YUKI!

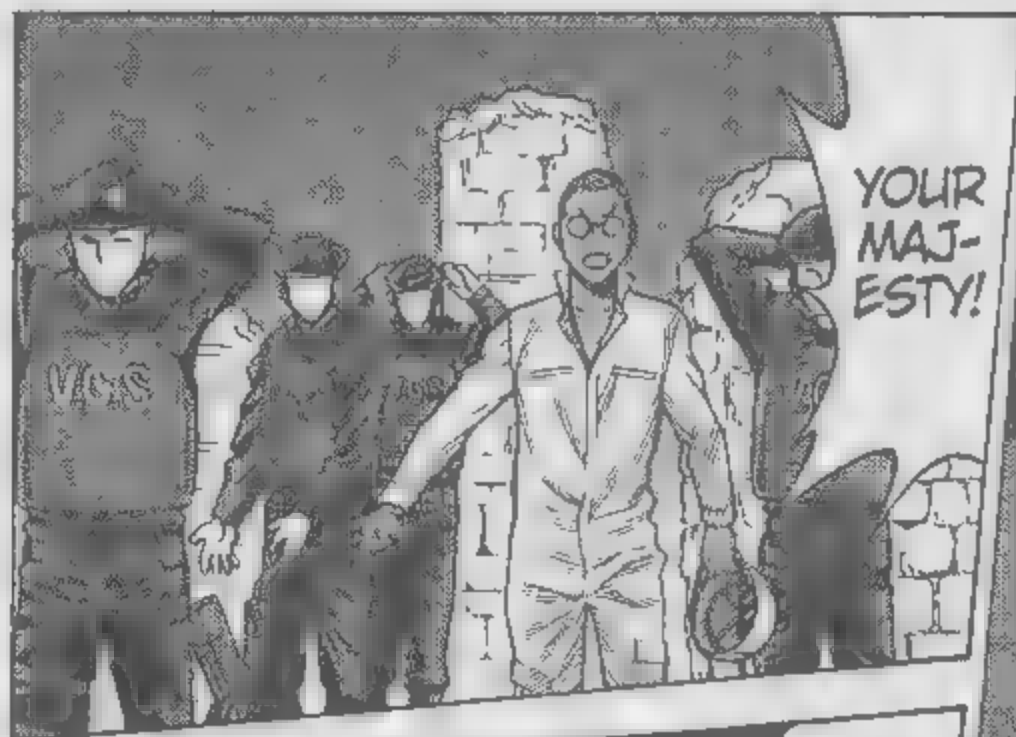
I WILL
STOP
HER!
I
SWEAR
TO
YOU I
WILL!!

AKIRA
...

LOOK!







YOUR
MAJ-
ESTY!



YOUR
MAJ-
ESTY!

YOU...
YOU'RE
ALL
RIGHT!

THANK
GOD
YOU'RE
OKAY!



HOLD
YOUR
FIRE!

I, YOUR
RIGHTFUL
QUEEN,
ORDER
YOU
TO PUT
DOWN
YOUR
WEAPONS
!!

DO
NOT
RESIST
US!



BEOWULF!
SET UP A
PERIMETER,
AND STAY
ON GUARD!

AS
YOU
WISH
!



IN
THERE.



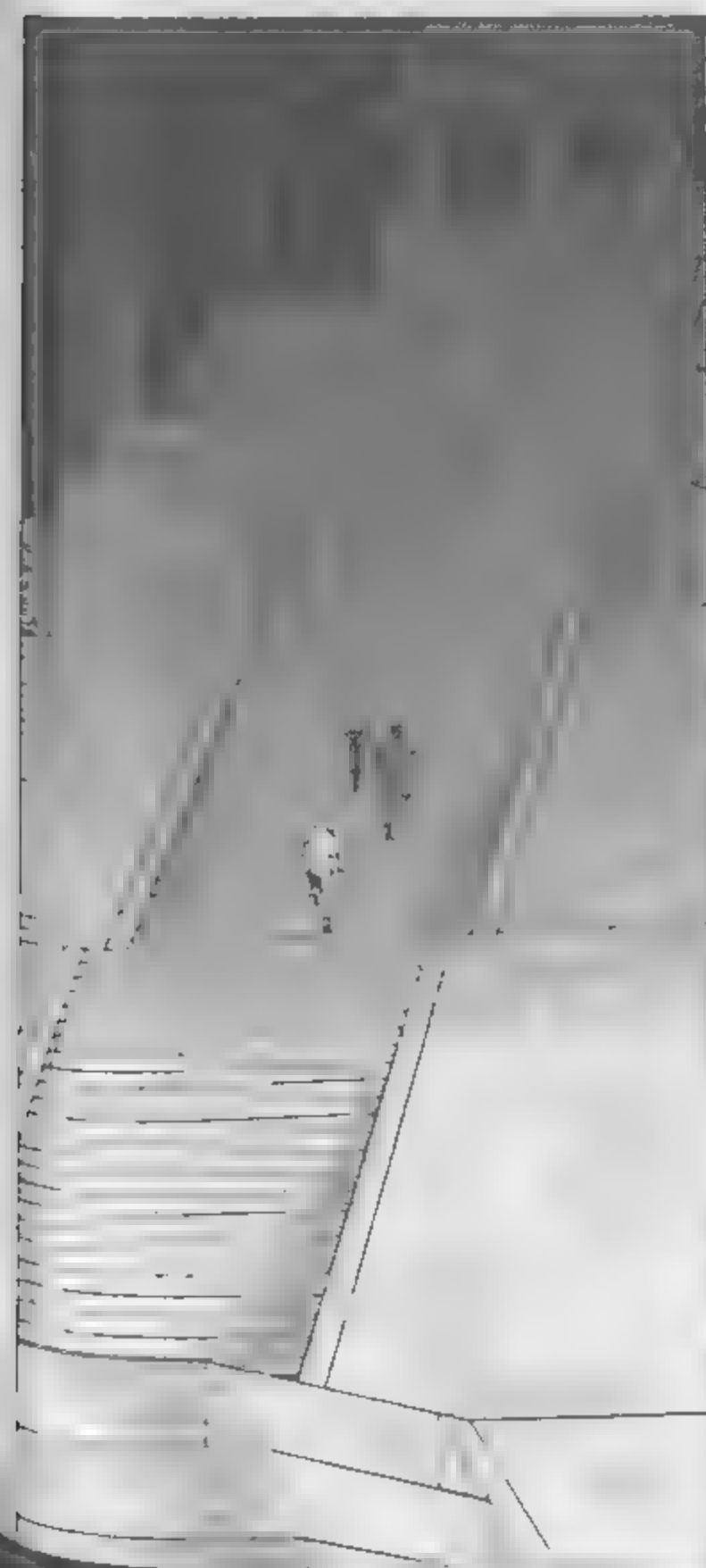
WHERE
IS
SHE?



YOU
GOT
IT!

THIS IS
A PLACE
THE TWO
OF US
KNOW
WELL.

AKIRA,
YOU
AND I
WILL
GO IN.



ALL
RIGHT,
YOU
MAY
JOIN
US.

TRY
TO
KEEP
UP!

SOME
OF MY
COMPAN-
IONS MAY
STILL BE
IN THERE,
CONTINU-
ING THE
EXCAVA-
TION.

YOUR
MAJ-
ESTY,
WAIT!

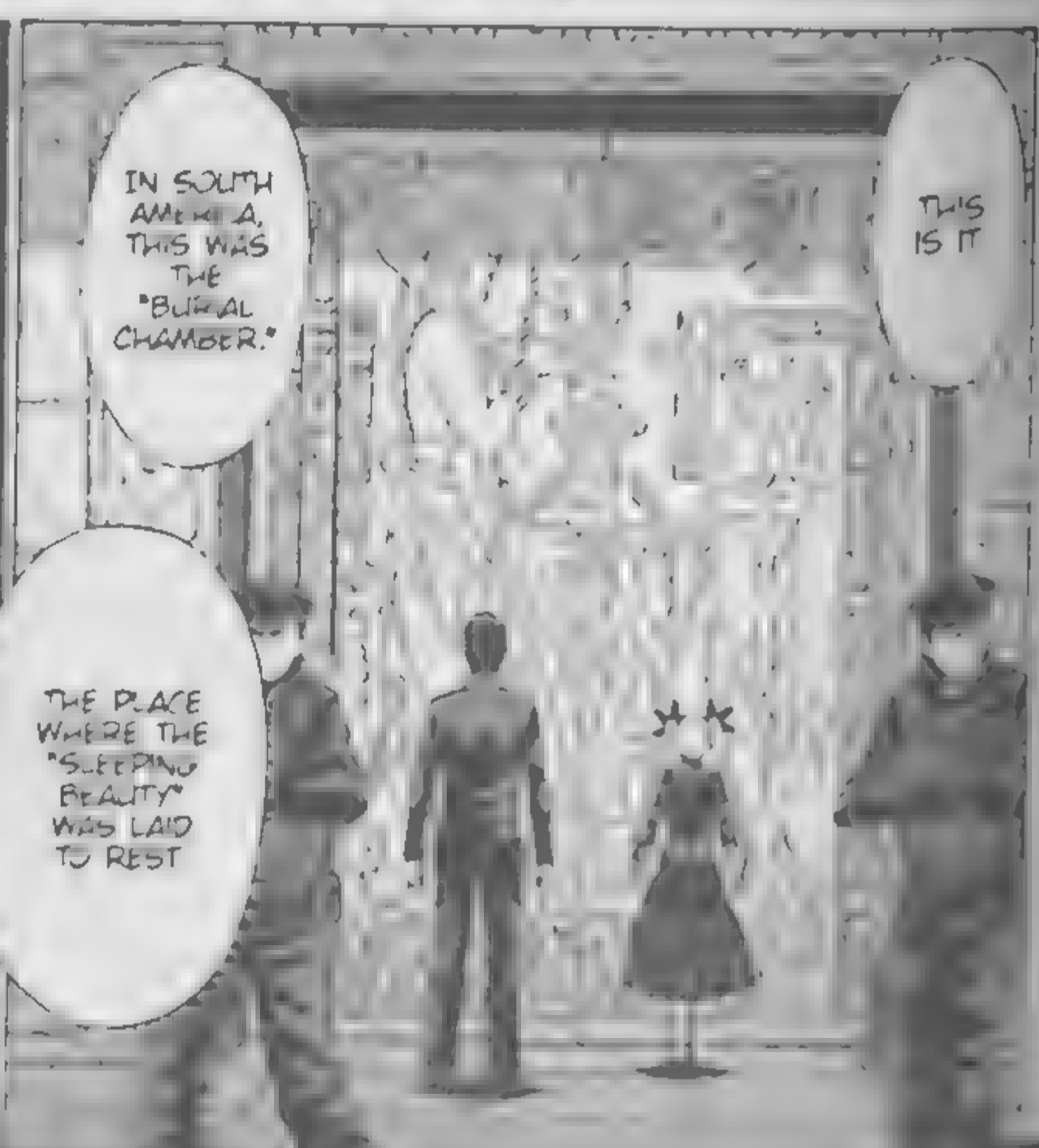
PLEASE
ALLOW
ME TO
ACCOMPANY
YOU.





YOUR
MAJ-
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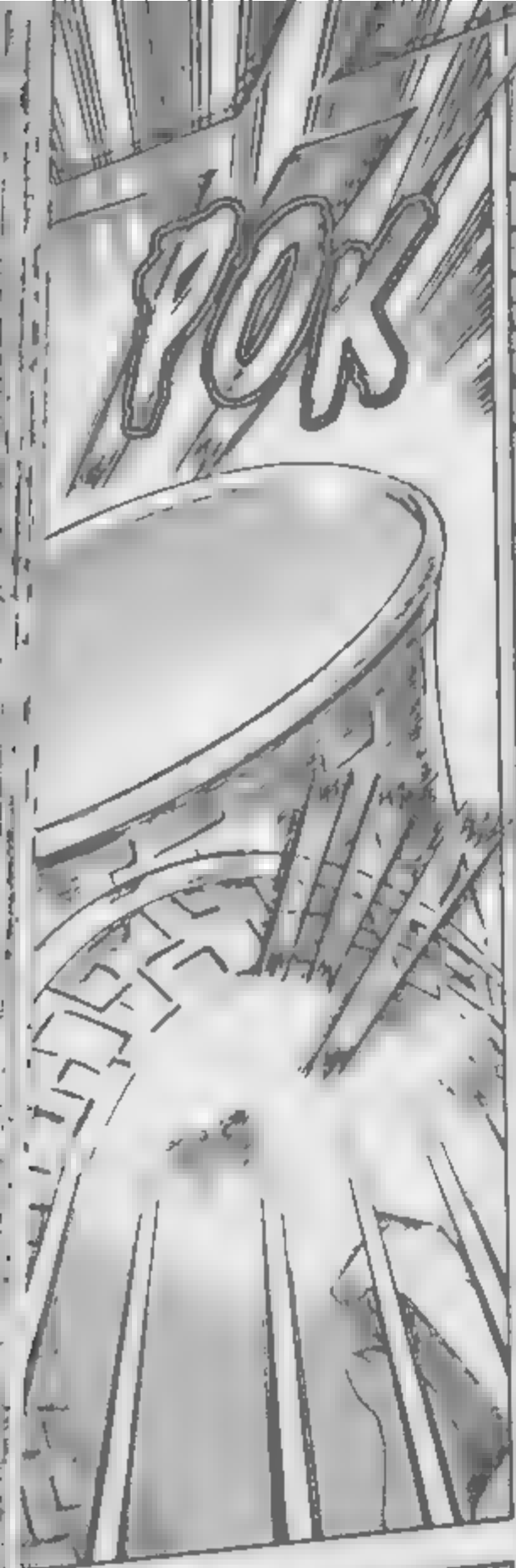


IN SOUTH
AMERICA,
THIS WAS
THE
"BURIAL
CHAMBER."

THE PLACE
WHERE THE
"SLEEPING
BEAUTY"
WAS LAID
TO REST

THIS
IS IT





IT'S
MINE!



YES...



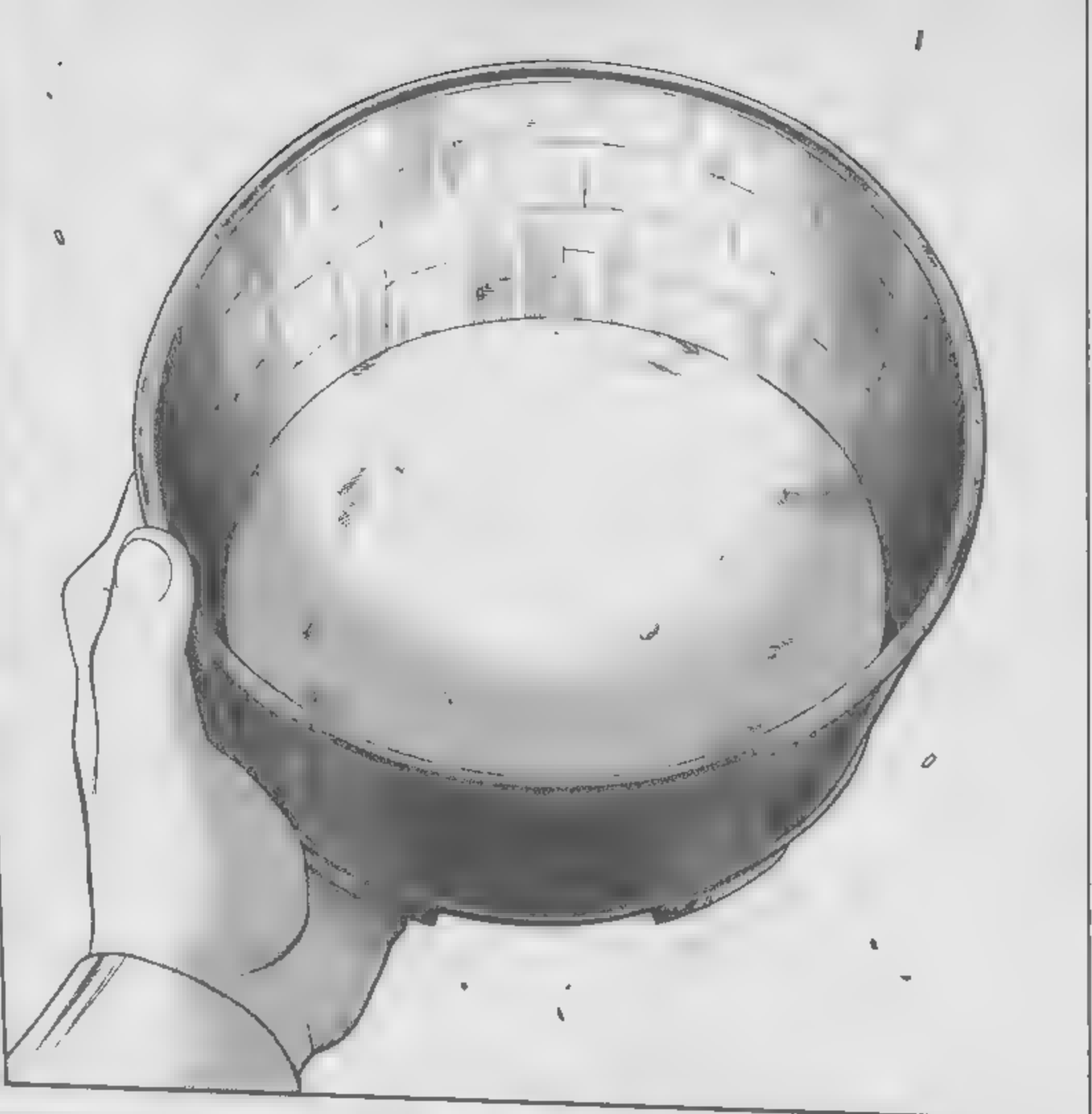
I
HAVE
IT.

AT
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!!



WH-
WHAT
IS
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DAMN
IT!!



ERM
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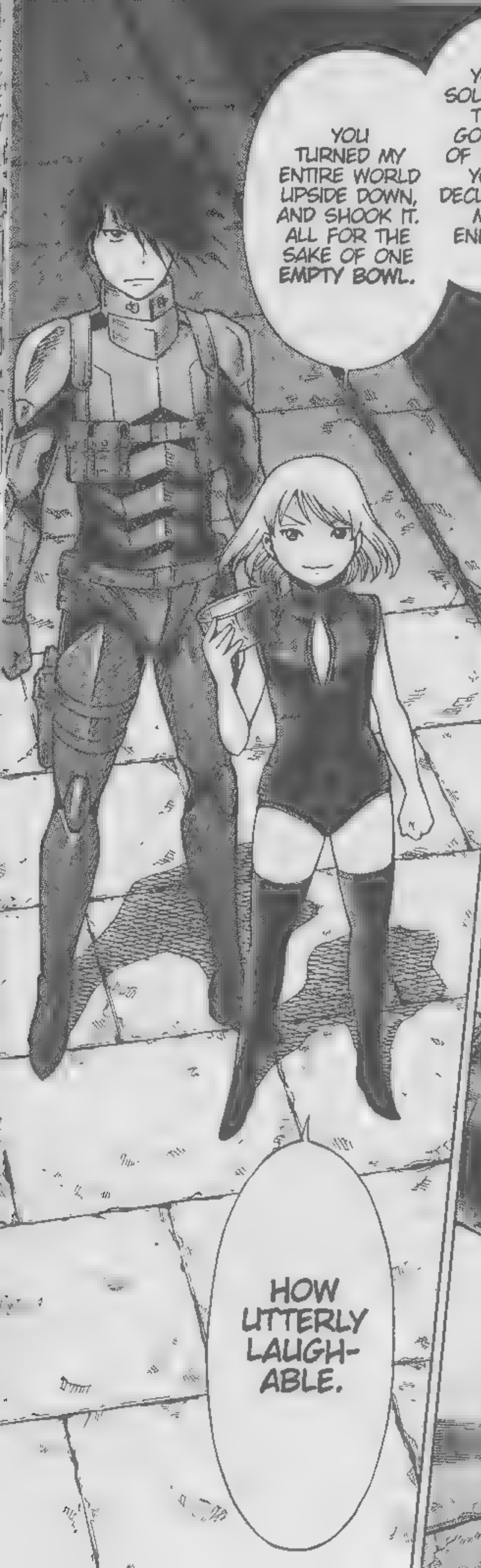
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PERHAPS
SOME-
ONE
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IMPOSSI-
BLE!!
BESIDES
ME, ONLY
SHE IS
CAPABLE OF
OPENING
THAT
DOOR!



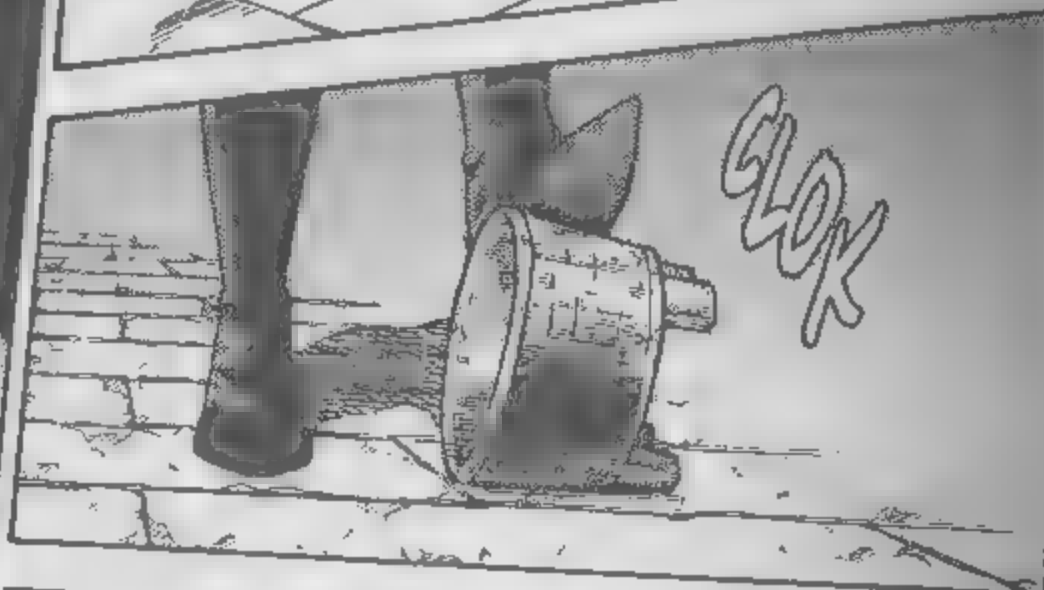
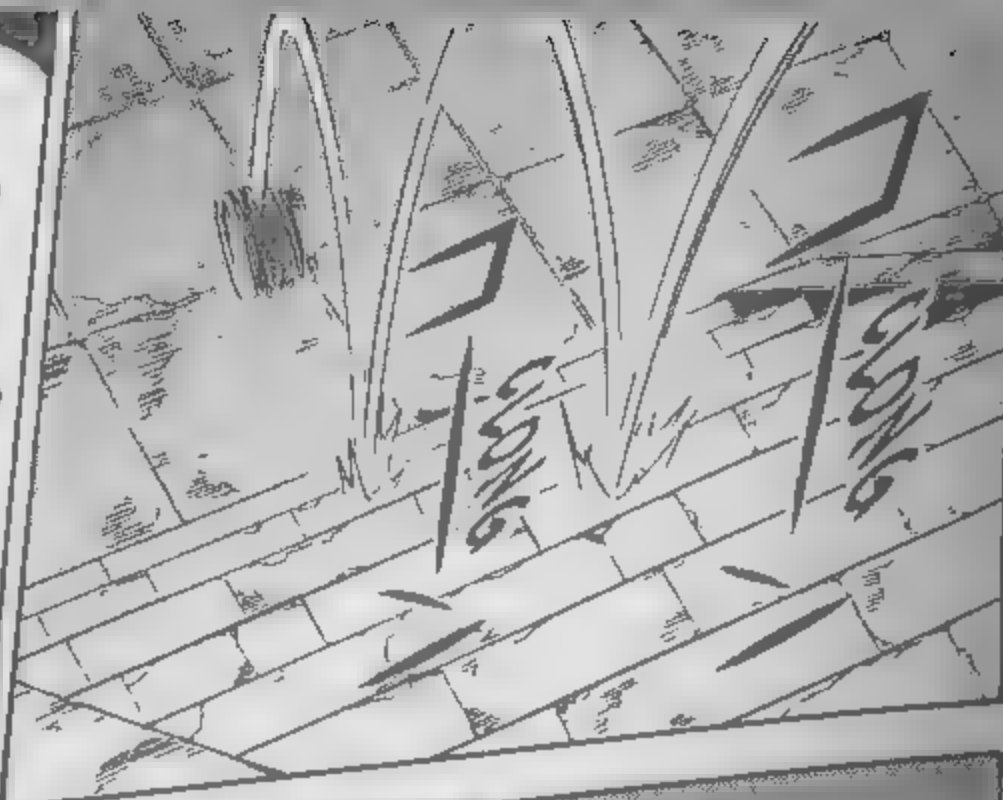
WHY
?!
TELL
ME
!!

WHAT IS
THE
MEANING
OF
THIS?!



YOU
TURNED MY
ENTIRE WORLD
UPSIDE DOWN,
AND SHOOK IT.
ALL FOR THE
SAKE OF ONE
EMPTY BOWL.

YOU
SOUNDED
THE
GONGS
OF WAR.
YOU
DECLARED
ME
ENEMY.

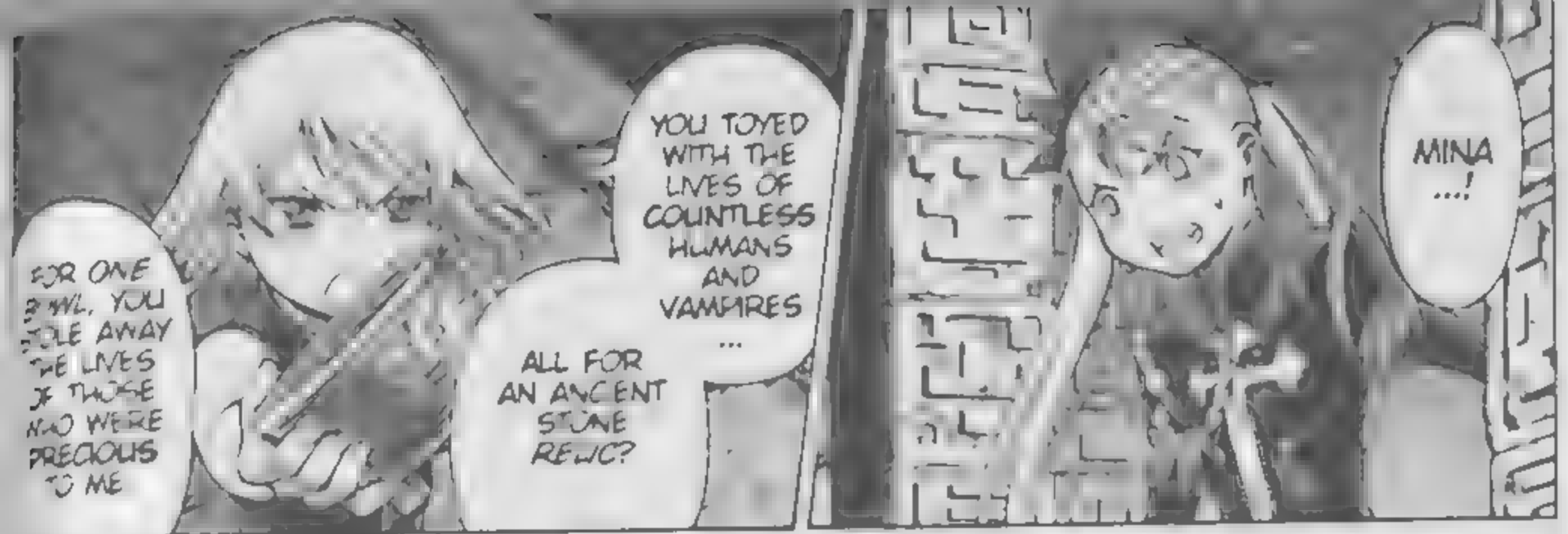


I DON'T
KNOW
WHAT IT
IS YOU
HAVE BEEN
SEARCHING
FOR...

HOW
LITTERLY
LAUGH-
ABLE.

BUT IT SEEMS
OBVIOUS THAT
WHATEVER
YOU FOUND
WASN'T
TO YOUR
LIKING.







HAH ...



AHA
HA
HA
HA!

OH,
HOW
VERY
ROYAL
OF
YOU!

SUCH
VALOR,
SUCH
NOBLE
SENTI-
MENT!



NEVER
MIND THAT
YOU ONLY
STAND
THERE
BY MY
MERCY.

YOU WOULD
HAVE NEVER
MADE IT HERE,
HAD I NOT
CHOSEN TO
LET YOU!



YOU
WILL
PAY
FOR
THAT!!



I SHALL
HAVE MY
VEN-
GEANCE
FOR
EACH
AND
EVERY
ONE OF
THEM!!



I
SEE.



IN THE
END, YOU
COULD
NOT
FORGIVE
YOURSELF
...



VERA-
DONO.



IF
YOU
CAN.

IT IS
NOT
TOO
LATE
TO TRY
NOW...

I
SHOULD
HAVE
KILLED
YOU
WHEN I
HAD THE
CHANCE!

MINA!

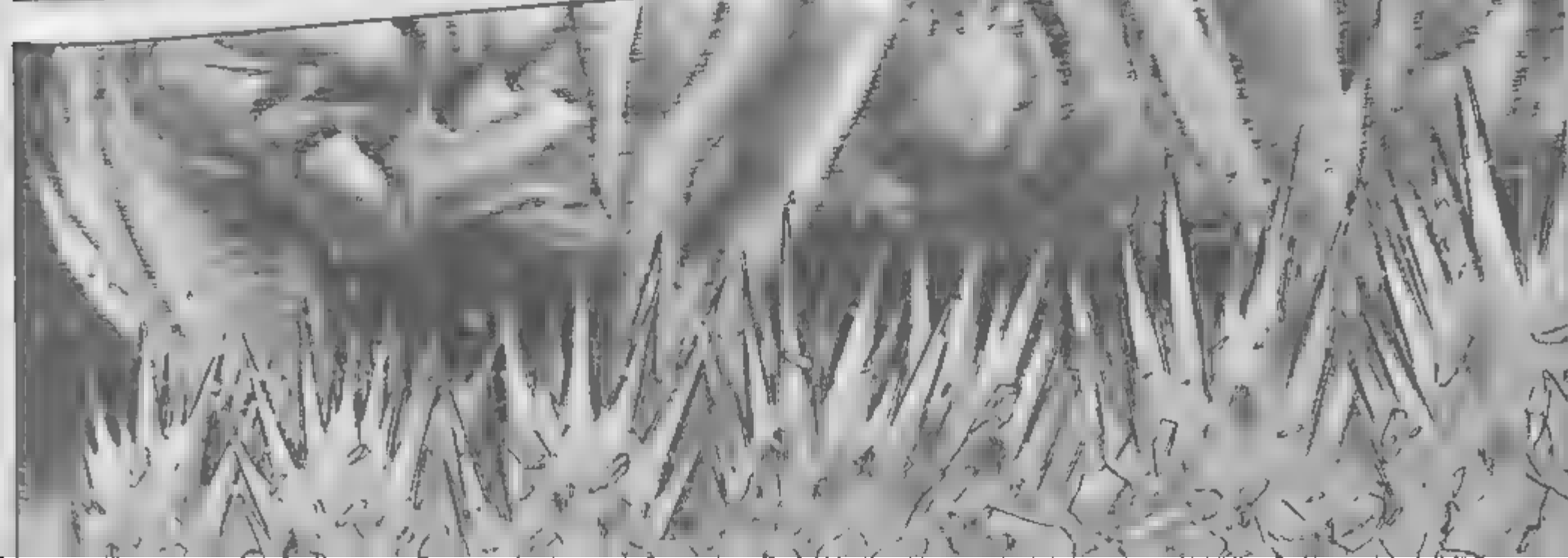
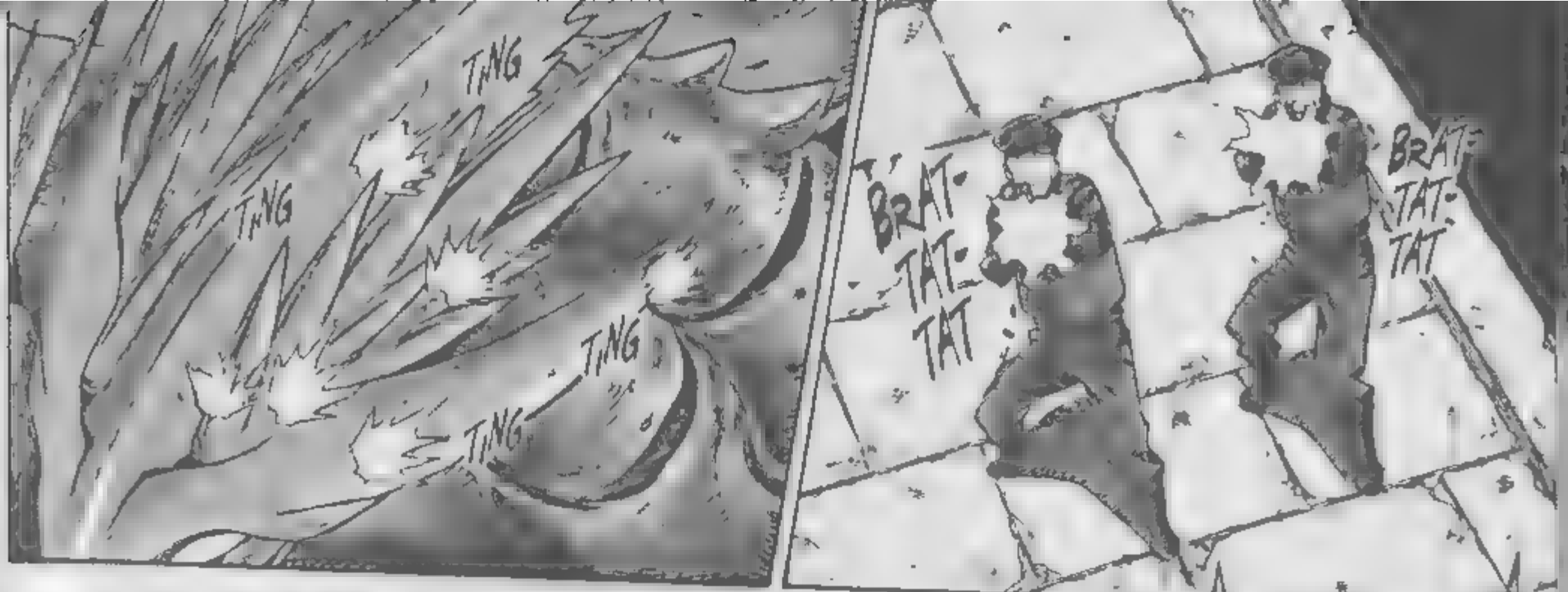


BOOOOF

SILENCE!!!















WINE
THE



THE TWO
OF YOU
SIN THIS
IN A NEW
AMERICA.
DO YOU
WANT?

WITH THE
THREE ALIENS
BUILT
YOU UNDERWENT
THE FINAL WOR
MAY 1972, AS
ARMY BUILT
WAS INTERVIEWED
WITH REAS THE
BUREAU CHAIR
COLLAPSED
UNDER PRESSURE.

[illegible]

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**THE
LIFE OF
JOHN
WILSON
CRANE**





YOU
DARE
?

YOU
DARE
?!



YOU
OF ALL
PEOPLE
...

DARE
ASK
ME
THAT
?!

RN3.

RN3.



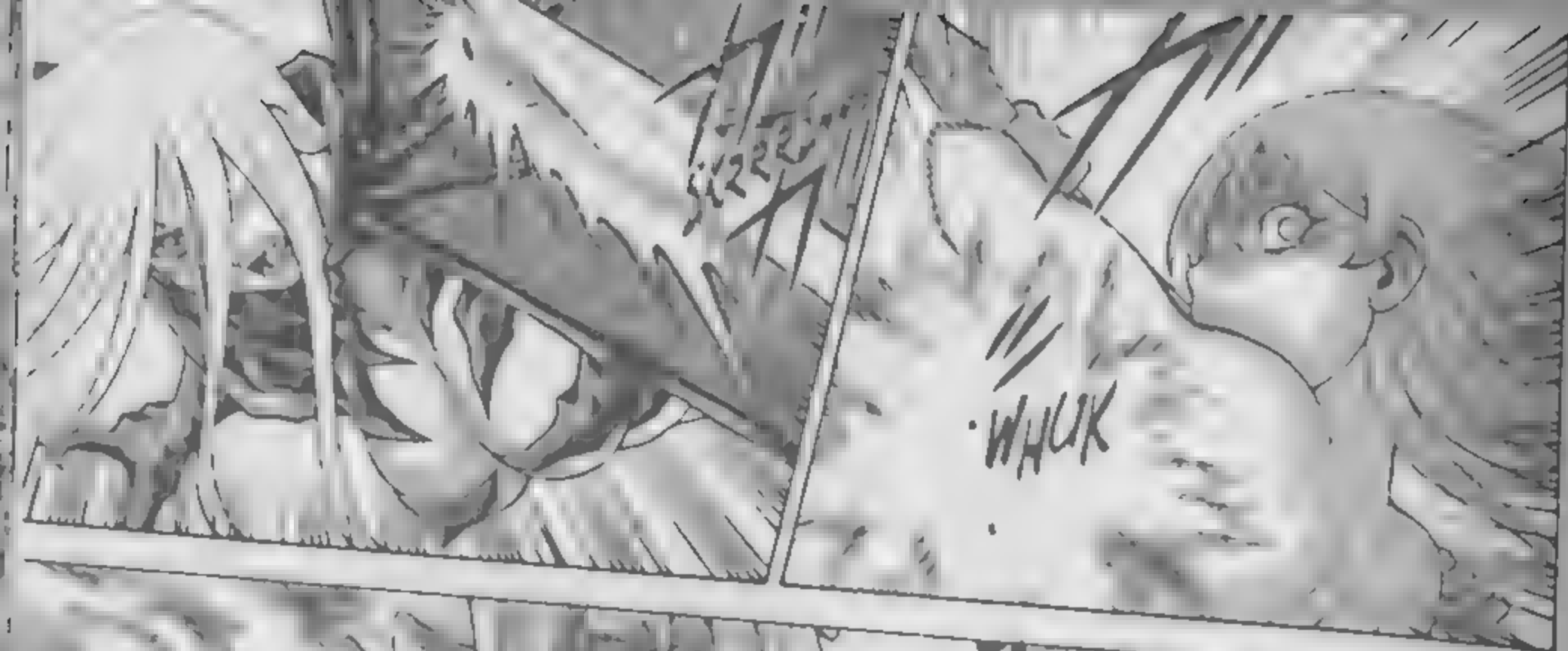
THAT'S
IT,
HIME-
SAN!

YOU
...

ARE
NOT
MY
HIME-
SAN!

I TOLD
YOU,
REMEM-
BER?







A AH!



HA
HA!
LOOK,
AKIRA!

WATCH
AS I
DESTROY
YOUR
BELOVED
MINA!!



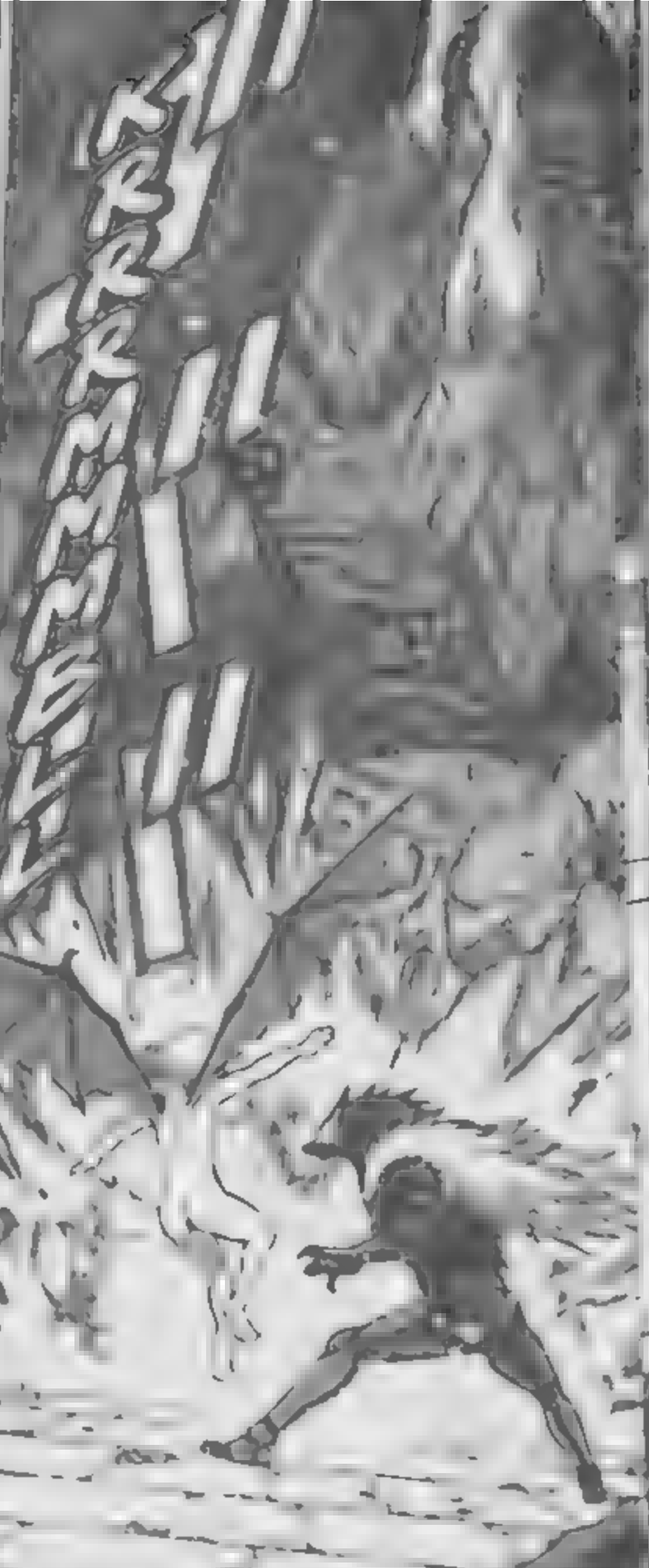
GLENN



WAAAAHHH

AKIRA!
LOOK!

!



TATIANA!

SH

TATIANA!





THIS PLACE
HAS
HAD IT!
WE GOTTA
GET OUT,
FAST!!

CURSE
IT
ALL!



WAIT!

COME
BACK
HERE!



SORRY!

IT'D BE
A LITTLE
INCONVE-
NIENT
TO HAVE
HER DIE
ON ME
JUST YET!

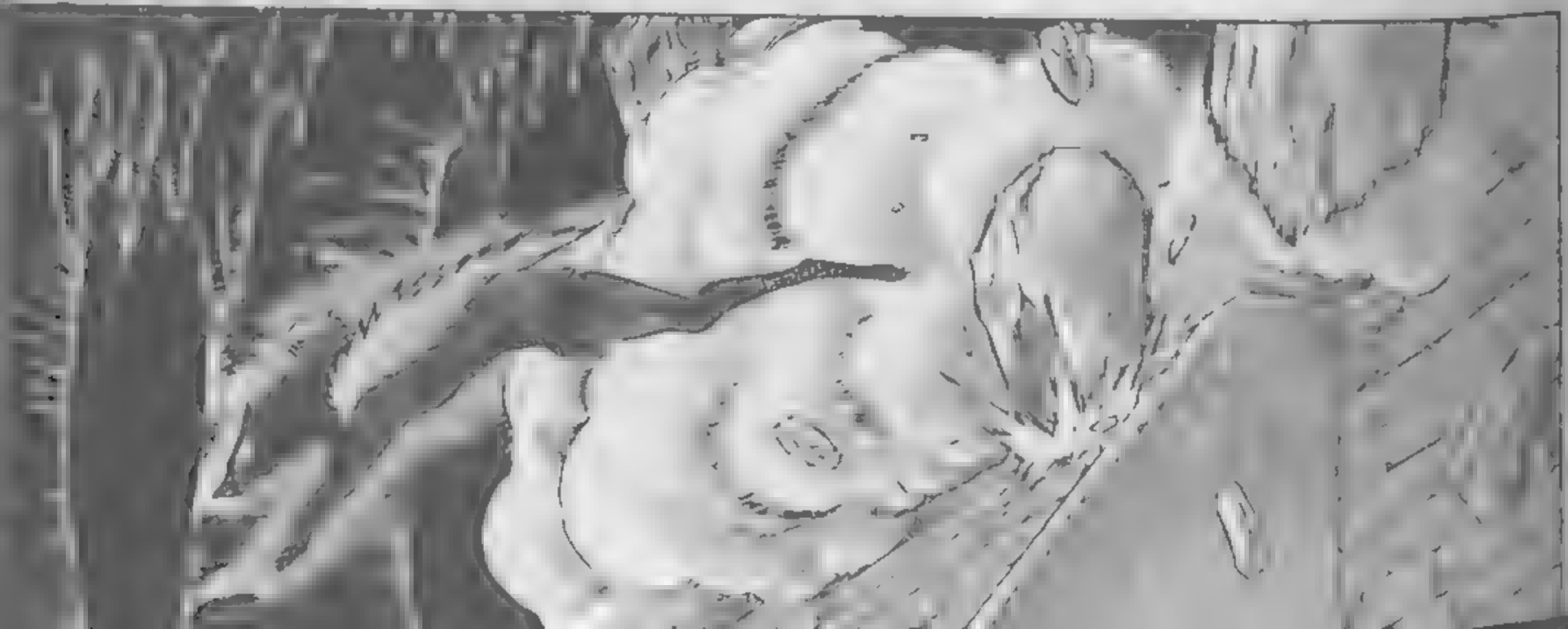


HEY
NOW!

IS THAT
THE WAY
TO TALK
TO THE
PERSON
WHO JUST
SAVED
YOUR
LIFE?

YOU
YET
LIVE...

TRULY,
YOUR ABILITY
TO CHEAT
DEATH IS
STAGGERING
WHAT UNHOLY
BARGAIN DID
YOU MAKE
THIS TIME?





THIS WHOLE CAVERN IS ABOUT TO COLLAPSE!

PULL OUT!



HAVE THE FANG-LESS RETURNED?!

WHAT ABOUT JIJI'S FATHER?



WE HAVE TO GO, HIME-SAN!

AKIRA!

BUT --!!

WE CAN'T WAIT FOR THEM!





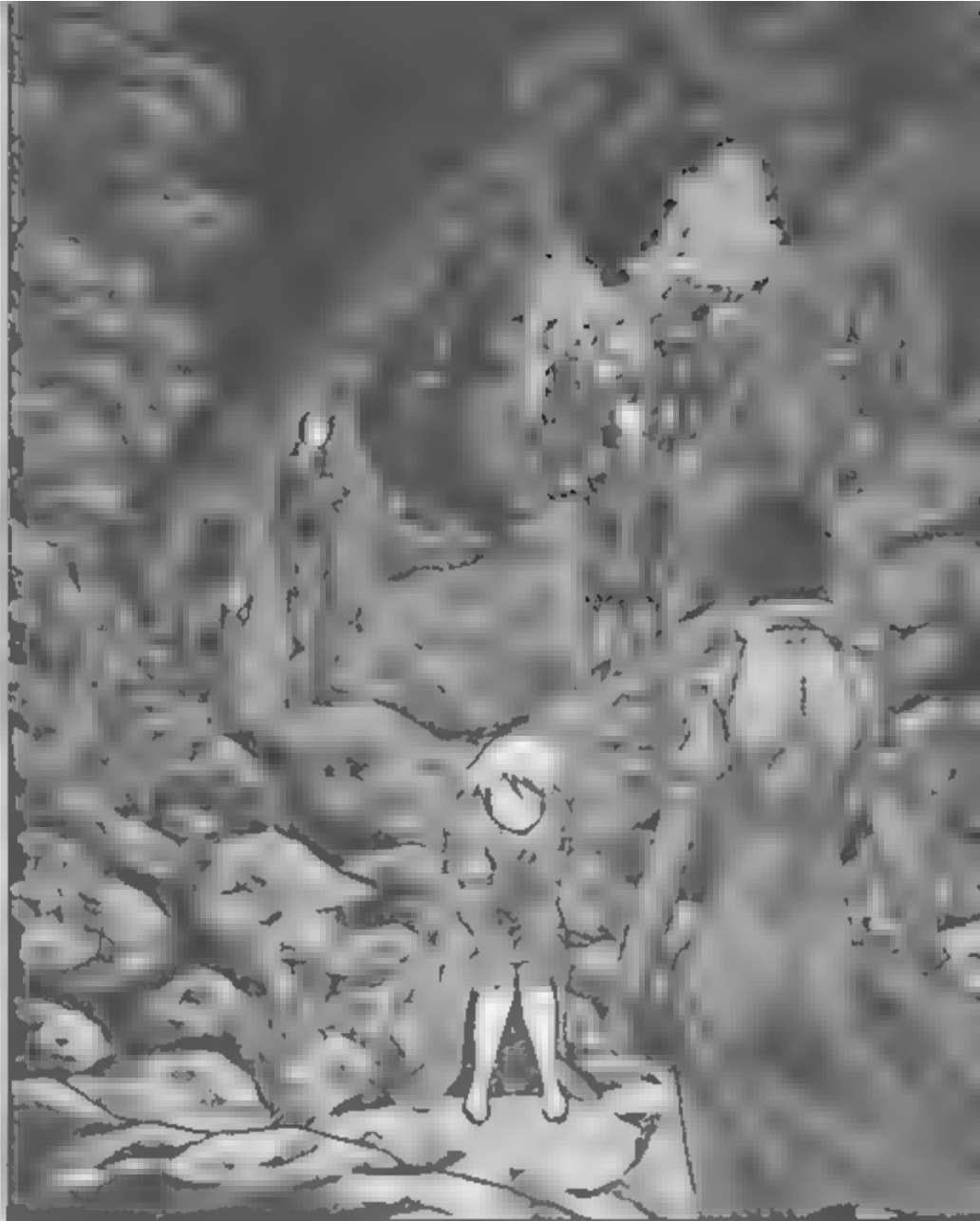
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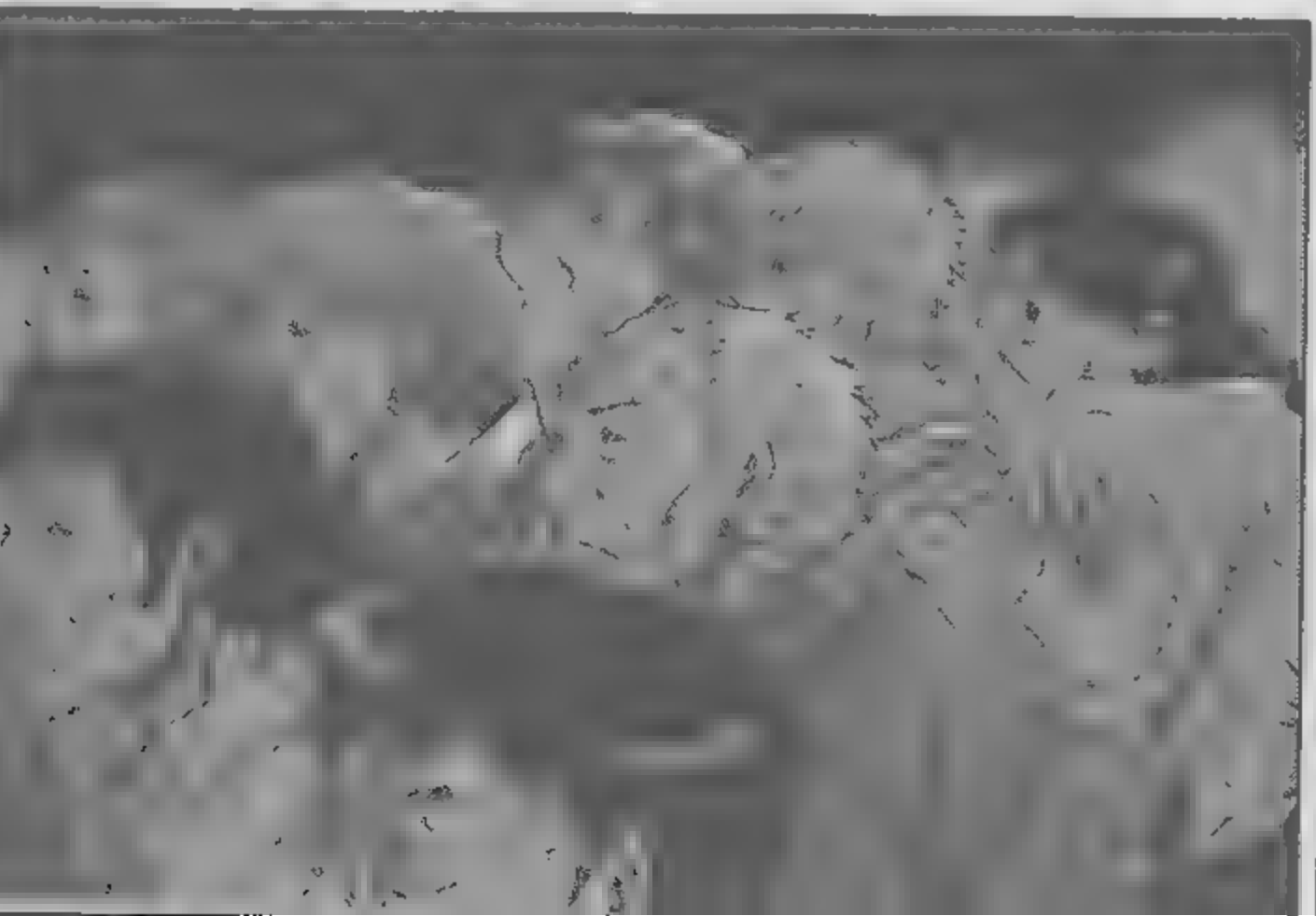


WHERE
SHALL
WE GO
FROM
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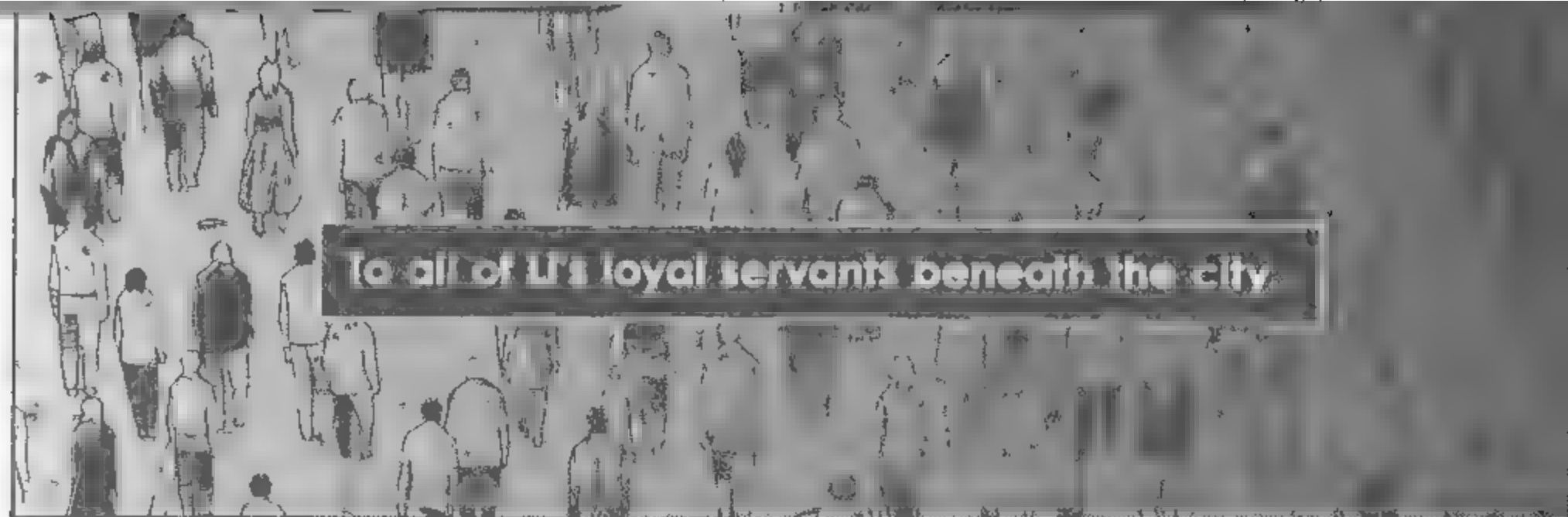


NOW
WHAT?





SKR-TUNK



To all of Li's loyal servants beneath the city



You are ordered to come out of
hiding. Immediately.



Gather together and go to the Vampire Bund



To the Vampire Bund—

For the glory of Clan Li!



LET US
RETURN
AS
WELL.



WELL,
THAT DOES IT.
THEY'VE
CONFIRMED
THAT MASS
NUMBERS OF
VAMPIRES
HAVE
STARTED TO
MOVE.

THEY'RE
ALL
HEADED
TO THE
BLIND.



.....



SO
THAT'S
IT.
IT'S ALL
OVER...

I
GUESS.

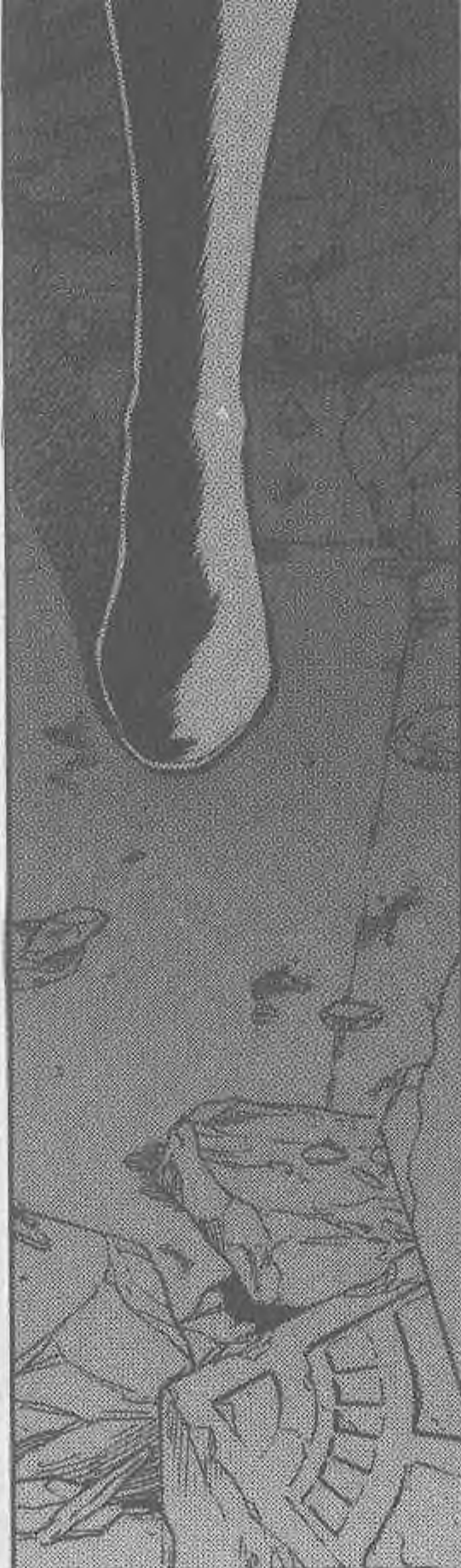
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WHERE
EVERYONE
WE LOVE
AWAITS
US.

TO OUR
HOME...

—MEANWHILE, IN THE AMAZON JUNGLE OF SOUTH AMERICA—







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